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This inventory of Lagrange County records constitutes a part of a general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It has been prepared by the Historical Records Survey of this state, operating as a separate project under the Works Progress Administration.

The survey of state and local historical records in Indiana was instituted on February 19, 1936, as part of a nation-wide undertaking under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Samuel J. Hagan, state archivist of the Indiana History and Archives Division of the State Library was assigned to lead the project as State Director. In the beginning the Survey was closely associated with the Writers' Project. On September 23, 1936, the Historical Records Survey was nominally as well as factually made independent of the Writers' Project. In general, it has from its very inception acted as a separate and independent unit of Federal Project No. 1.

The aim and purpose of the survey of county records in Indiana have been to furnish the officials of the local, state, and national governments, students of history, lawyers and genealogists, and the general citizenry interested in the county records, with a convenient tool for use in consulting them. It is the object of the Survey to make the valuable source materials that are to be found in the Indiana courthouses and other public buildings, available and more accessible to those who may be in need of them.

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It is our hope that the information contained in this inventory will arouse greater interest in state and local historical records and will encourage officials to continue the improvement of methods for the preservation and safekeeping of these records.

The field work of the survey of Lagrange County was begun on April 13, 1936, under the district supervision of Mrs. Fred Elbel, of South Bend, later succeeded by Alvin Nelson, of Mishawaka. The field workers were Harry West, of Mishawaka, and Albert Ectos and Fred Fulford, both of South Bend. It was completed on June 30, 1936. Many visits, however, have since been made to the county courthouse to check and recheck the information contained herein, the final recheck having been made in July 1937.

There are ninety-two counties in Indiana. When the survey of county archives is completed a separate volume is to be devoted to each county inventory in the state. Lagrange County is No. 44.

The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts and events forming the background and basis of the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Concerning boards; major administrative offices; judicial offices; and financial, educational, health, engineering, and other groups. Wherever applicable, natural groupings under separate headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged thereunder also according to their functional sequence. A full and

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extensive index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

The editing of this inventory has been conducted by an editorial staff of some forty men and women, whose labors we deeply appreciate and wish to recognize forthwith, captained by Harry A. Rider, editor; John R. Milligan in charge of accession and classifying; Louise Nation in charge of checking; Canis E. Brockway in charge of condensing; Julius Salzman, legal adviser; and Howard G. Underwood, historical research editor.

The original survey was made in the field under the direction of the State Director and carefully checked and compiled in the form of this inventory in the State Office. Of the industrious and painstaking devotion to his task of each and every person who had a part in the Survey we are keenly aware, and we regret that we cannot commend by name the services of all who have contributed to the publication of this volume.

The Survey is indebted to the county officials; to the State Works Progress Administration; to Kenneth E. Lancet, Acting Director of Women's and Professional Projects, who has rendered the Survey a great personal service in the administering of the project; and to Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, who has taken personal initiative and interest in behalf of the Survey in giving technical advice to the project.

S. J. Lager, State Director

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FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project called the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and state historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Hagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

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An advisory committee has help guide work upon project; though no meetings are held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the state indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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PART A. LAGRANGE COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Lagrange County, situated in the northeastern part of the state, is bounded on the east by Steuben County, on the south by Noble County, on the west by Elkhart County, and on the north by the State of Michigan. It has an area of 367 square miles.

The topography of Lagrange County is for the most part a level to slightly rolling prairie or plain. Occasionally the surface is broken or the rolling land becomes hilly. The county lies within the St. Lawrence basin. The largest stream is Pigeon River, flowing through the county in a northwesterly direction. Turkey, Fly, Buck, and Shipshewana Creeks are tributaries in the western portions of the county, and the south and southwest portions are drained by the Elkhart and Little Elkhart Rivers. The waters of all these streams are carried to Lake Michigan by the St. Joseph River. In addition, 35 lakes, ranging in size from a few acres to 600, are scattered throughout the county.

The English landed and settled at Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec the next year, and began a series of explorations to the west and south that eventually carried LaSalle to the mouth of the Mississippi River. On April 3, 1682, he claimed the entire river valley in the name of France, calling it Louisiana after his King. In Indiana, French trading posts were established on the present sites of Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and Vincennes by 1733. The English pushed into the Ohio Valley,

and economic rivalry between the two nations over the valuable fur trade brought on the French and Indian War. By the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, which ended this conflict, Louisiana was ceded to Great Britain. Shortly after the outbreak of the American Revolution, General George Rogers Clark captured the British posts at Kaskaskia and Vincennes, and this vast empire - the American Middle West - fell into the hands of Virginia. In 1784, Virginia ceded this stretch of land to the United States Government, and three years later the Ordinance of 1787 providing for the establishment and government of Northwest Territory was passed by Congress. Knox County - comprising all of Indiana and parts of Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin - was created in 1790. Indiana Territory was organized in 1800, and in 1816, Indiana was admitted to the Union.

Before the white man stepped on the soil of what was to become Lagrange County the land was claimed by Potawatomi and Ottawa Indians. In line with the policy of purchasing all Indian claims in the state, two treaties of cession between the Indians and the United States Government were consummated. On October 29, 1821, a treaty signed at Chicago included land in the northern part of Lagrange County. The southern portion of the county was acquired from the Indians when the Carey Mission treaty was signed in 1836. In Lagrange County, Monguwinong - now called Lima - was an important Potawatomi village.

The first permanent white settlers in the county were Nathan Fowler and Jason Thurston. The date of their settlement is not

known, but in November or December, 1830, when Benjamin Blair settled in Lima Township, one mile west of Lima, the Fowler and Thurston families both lived in a log cabin situated on the north side of Crooked Creek and just north of the present site of Lima. Early in 1830, William Thrall and Jonathan Gardner moved into the same neighborhood. Among those to come to Lima Township the same year were Moses and Ida Rice, William Gardner, and Arthur Burrows. The first settler to locate within the limits of Van Buren Township was Jesse Huntsman, who entered land in 1829.

Lagrange County was formed by an act of the General Assembly approved February 2, 1832, effective April 1, 1832, out of territory previously attached to Elkhart and Allen Counties. The legal description of the boundaries as set out in the act were: "Beginning at the northeast corner of Elkhart county, thence running east with their northern boundary, to the range line, between eleven and twelve, thence south sixteen and a half miles, thence west to the eastern boundary of Elkhart county, thence north with said boundary, to the place of beginning." (1)

The first county election was held in the spring of 1832. Joshua T. Hobbs was elected clerk; Daniel Harding, sheriff; David St. Clair, recorder; and Jacob Vandevanter, Edward Littlefield, and Arthur Barrows were chosen county commissioners.

The commissioners appointed to locate the county seat met at the home of Moses Rice and chose the site of the old Indian village, Mongouinong, for the seat of government of the newly formed county. The name of the village was then changed to Lima.

By an act of February 13, 1840, commissioners were appointed to relocate the county seat and the present site of Lagrange was selected. The actual removal was not made until 1844. The county was called Lagrange, the name of General Lafayette's here just outside Paris. There are eleven townships in Lagrange County; Bloomfield, Clay, Clearspring, Eden, Greenfield, Johnson, Lima, Milford, Newbury, Springfield, and Van Buren.

The first term of the Lagrange Circuit Court began on October 22, 1832, at the home of Moses Rice. Court was first held in the open air between two hay stacks. The presiding judge of the circuit was Charles L. Test, and the associate judges - Luther Newton and Ephraim Seeloy - presented their commissions at this session.

The first courthouse in the county was a two story frame building erected in 1833 in the town of Lima, at that time the county seat. The second courthouse was also a frame structure. It was erected in 1843 in Lagrange. The corner-stone of the third and present courthouse was laid on August 15, 1876, and the building was completed in November 1879. It is a brick, stone-trimmed building, two stories high.

The population of Lagrange County has been decreasing steadily since 1880, when the census reported 15,615 persons living in the county. According to the 1930 census the population was 13,750. The population is largely native born white, there being only 119 foreign born white persons and 8 Negroes living in the county. The incorporated towns in the county are Lagrange, Topona,

Wolcottville, and Shipshewana.

Agriculture gives employment to the greatest number of persons in the county and is the chief source of income. Wheat, corn, and oats are the principal grains raised, and potatoes and alfalfa are becoming increasingly important. Fruit growing and gardening are extensively developed in some parts of the county. In addition considerable dairying is carried on in conjunction with general farming.

There is almost no manufacturing in Lagrange County with the exception of a milk condensary, located in the town of Lagrange, and a cement plant at Stroh, which operates a few months during the year. There are no mineral resources of any importance in the county.

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2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Lagrange County, with its county seat at Lagrange, is a subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative, judicial, and political purposes. It is a creature of the legislature and possesses only such powers of local government as are conferred by acts of the legislature or are incident and necessary to carry out the provisions thereof. Created by the state, the county is subject to legislative control at any time and its powers may be amplified or diminished without its consent.

Lagrange County was organized by an act of the General Assembly, effective April 1, 1832. (1) Its present government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original Constitution of 1815, the present Constitution adopted in 1851, and more than a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American Colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which recognized the counties already established, and provided for courts and administrative officers, as follows: General court of quarter sessions of the peace, county court of common pleas, (2) and court of probate, (3) commissioners, (4) sheriff, (5) coroner, (6) recorder, (7) treasurer, (8) (circuit court). (9) These officers were appointed by either the governor or the court. The laws of Indiana Territory provided for the appointment of

additional officers: Surveyor, (10) assessor, (11) prosecuting attorney, (12) and county agent who conveys and receives conveyances of public lands. (13)

In the year of 1816 Indiana was admitted to the Union and the constitution of that year provided for the election in each county of a clerk of the circuit court, (14) recorder, (15) sheriff, and coroner, (16) and continued the other territorial officers until superseded. (17)

The legislature, in 1817, established a body called the board of commissioners, elected by the voters of the county; (18) the office of treasurer, who was appointed by the board of commissioners; (19) and in 1818 the office of surveyor, who was appointed and commissioned by the Governor of the state. (20)

In 1824, the board of commissioners was abolished, and its functions conferred upon the justices of the peace of the county, who constituted the board for doing county business, (21) until in 1831 the board of commissioners was reestablished, which consisted of three members elected by the voters. (22) In 1831 the legislature made the surveyor an appointee of the board of commissioners (23) When Lagrange County was organized in 1832, its government followed the form outlined above. In 1841 the elective office of auditor was created. (24) Otherwise the original organization continued practically unchanged for nearly ten years.

As the state grew, there was much dissatisfaction with the Constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not succeed until 1850, when a constitutional convention was called

which framed a new constitution. (25) This constitution was submitted to the qualified voters of the state and adopted in 1851 and proclaimed by the governor to be effective on November 1, 1851, and with amendments, remains the Constitution of Indiana. (26)

Each county is a political subdivision of the state and has an individual governmental organization. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, (27) and the general outline of the organization of county government remains the same, the general assembly has provided the necessary variations to take care of local needs and conditions. These variations lie chiefly in the number of officers and courts provided for counties within classifications based upon population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be ruled by the same number of officers. Each county has the constitutional officers, but the statutory officers vary in number, powers, and duties. The latter officers may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others are authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include only one county.

Indiana stands alone among the states of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards, since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1881. (28) Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. The duties of these agencies, with technical distinction, are enumerated in their proper places below.

From the beginning of the present century a tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of state authorities has taken from county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In older fields of finance, roads, and education, the state's supervision has greatly increased, and the creation of newer state departments such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy removal of local responsibility and control.

Present Administration

The Constitution of 1861 reorganized the governmental structure, enlarging the number of constitutional officers to be elected by the people of the county, as follows: (29)

Clerk of the circuit court, who, by statutory provision, keeps the records of the proceedings of all county courts and performs other administrative duties, including serving as registration officer and member of the county election boards.

Recorder, who makes and preserves a public record of all legal documents, both official and private, as may be prescribed by law.

Sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and executes orders of the county courts and boards.

Coroner, who holds inquests in all cases of death by violence and of suspicious circumstances.

Treasurer, who receives and disburses all county moneys

including the collection of taxes, and serves as ex-officio member of the board of review.

Auditor, who is the financial agent of the county, compiles the county budget estimates, prepares the tax duplicates, and serves as clerk and member of several county boards.

Surveyor, who has charge of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the maintenance of drainage systems. (30)

The constitution also empowered the legislature to prescribe such other officers as may become necessary. (31) Under this authority the legislature has from time to time established the following statutory officers and boards:

Board of commissioners, the leading governing body of the county, often called the "county board", or the "board for doing county business". It consists of three members elected for terms of three years. The board furnishes and maintains county buildings and grounds, administers the financial transactions of the county and audits the accounts of all officers who handle moneys of the county, and is responsible for the maintenance of county highways. (32)

County council, another governing body, created in 1898, (33) to control the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members, elected for terms of four years. The council has power to fix the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where the rate is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county; to adopt the county

budget and the exclusive right to make appropriations from the county treasury; and the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds. (34)

Superintendent of schools, in 1873, (35) who has general superintendence of all schools of the county outside of incorporated cities and towns. (36) Elected by the township trustees, (37) he is ex-officio member and president of the county board of education. (38)

Board of education, in 1873, (39) consisting since an amendment of 1877, of the superintendent of schools, township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town of the county. The board considers the general wants and needs of the schools and school property, and all matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, and charts. (40)

Health officer, in 1881, originally secretary of the board of health, (41) abolished by an act of 1909, which created the office of health commissioner, (42) whose title was changed in 1935 to health officer. He is appointed by the board of commissioners and must be legally qualified to practice medicine and enforce the health laws of the state. (43)

Assessor, in 1891, (44) who instructs and advises the township assessors, reviews their returns and examines the tax duplicates, assesses omitted real and personal property, (45) and appraises estates for inheritance taxes. (46) He is elected by the voters of the county, (47) and is ex-officio member and president of the board of review. (48)

Board of review, in 1891, whose members are the county assessor, auditor, and treasurer, (49) and, by an amendment of 1919, two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the circuit court. (50) This board equalizes tax assessments as between townships or other taxing units and between individual property owners, and may set aside the aggregate assessment, if too high or too low, of the whole county or any taxing unit, thereof and order a new assessment. (51)

Board of finance, in 1907, consisting of the board of commissioners, with the auditor as secretary. (52) This board has the custody of county funds and selects the depositories, (53) apportioning the deposits among the banks in agreement with municipal corporations in the county according to the total resources of the depositories. (54)

Agricultural agent, in 1913, who, under the supervision of Purdue University, conducts farmers' institutes and other movements for the advancement of agriculture and country life, and aids the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in agricultural education and domestic science. He is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of the state board known as the county agricultural agent board. (55)

Highway supervisor, in 1933, who supervises, under the direction of the board of commissioners, the repair and maintenance of all county highways. The board of commissioners makes the appointment and may appoint the surveyor as highway

supervisor. However, the board of commissioners of Ingrange County has appointed an extra officer as highway supervisor. (16)

Board of tax adjustment, in 1933, consisting of seven members (57) who, by an amendment of 1937, are: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of any city in the county, appointed by the mayor of the largest city of the county; one member of the county board of education, selected by such board; and four freeholders appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board examines any tax levy and the corresponding items of the budget, and adjusts the tax rate so that it shall not exceed, in any municipal corporation, the total tax rate prescribed by law. (58)

School fund board, in 1935, consisting of three members; the auditor and the clerk of the circuit court, ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board makes all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real estate, duly secured by mortgage. (59)

Department of public welfare, in 1936, (60) comprising the board of public welfare, consisting of five members appointed by the judge of the circuit court, (61) and the director of public welfare, appointed by the board. (62) The department administers the measures of public welfare as prescribed by law and the rules of the state department. (63)

Registration officer, in 1933, who is the clerk of the circuit court ex-officio. He conducts the registration of voters (64)

and furnishes a list of the registered voters to the inspector of each precinct. (65)

Board of election commissioners, in 1889, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for general elections (66) and appoints the precinct officials. (67)

Board of canvassers, in 1905, which is the board of election commissioners. (68) The board canvasses, tabulates, and compiles the election returns of the county (69) and certifies the candidates elected. (70)

Board of primary election commissioners, in 1915, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for primary elections. (71)

Judicial

The judicial system of LAGRANGE County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the constitution and subsequent acts of the Indiana General Assembly. The constitution authorized and directed that the state be divided into judicial circuits. (72) LAGRANGE County, combined with STOUTEN County, constitutes the thirty-fifth circuit, established in 1927. (73) Previously, it was a part of a judicial circuit to which other counties were attached. The constitution further provides for the election of a judge (74) and a prosecuting attorney for the circuit, (75) and

a clerk of the circuit court. (76) The circuit court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all cases, criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile, except where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the peace, and such appellate jurisdiction as is conferred by law. It also has jurisdiction of all other causes, matters, and proceedings where exclusive jurisdiction thereof is not conferred by law upon some other court or office. (77)

Records System

The records of Lagrange County began with its creation in 1832. The establishment of each of the county offices and bureaus inaugurated their records which were kept in such fashion as the incumbents saw fit, following in the main the directions of the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In 1909, the legislature established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (78) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The board also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the

records of any office, it is the duty of the board of commissioners to issue an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records. (79)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the archives division of the state library for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (80) This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer in use and in spite of lack of storage space, anticipating a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

The recorder and other county officials, by an act of 1927, are authorized to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments by an approved photographic process adopted by the board of commissioners. (81)

In 1937, the general assembly authorized the director of the state library, at his discretion, to make a copy, by photography or in any other way, of any official book, record, document, original paper, newspaper, or printed book or material in any county, city, or other public office, for preservation in the state archives. All public officials must permit copies to be made of the books, records, documents, and papers in their respective offices. (82)

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Floor plans of first floor to appear here.

HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The courthouse of Lagrange County stands on a public square bounded by Detroit, Spring, High, and Michigan Streets, in the town of Lagrange. Constructed in 1873 of brick and sandstone, it is 100' by 60' by 60'. A clock-tower rises above the center of the building. The basement contains old record vaults of the clerk, the treasurer, and the auditor; the first floor, the offices of the clerk, the recorder, the sheriff, the assessor, the treasurer, the auditor, and the surveyor; and the second floor, the offices of the superintendent of schools and the department of public welfare. The attic is used as a storage room for the assessor's records.

Board of Commissioners

The records of the commissioners are housed in the auditor's office, vault, and basement vault (q.v., infra).

County Council

The council's records are housed in the auditor's office and vault (q.v., infra).

Clerk of the Circuit Court

The clerk's office and vault, on the southeast corner of the first floor, are 40' by 24' by 16' and 14' by 7' by 16' respectively, the former having a wooden floor, and plastered walls and

Floor plans of second floor to appear here.

coiling, and the latter, a concrete floor and plastered walls and ceiling. Both are well lighted and well ventilated. Ten feet of bound volumes--10% of the clerk's records and 1% of the records of the circuit court--are kept in the office; 40' of shelving are available for expansion. Shelving in the vault is entirely occupied by 600' of bound volumes and 200' of unbound records in file boxes 14' deep. These comprise 67% of the clerk's records, 83% of the records of the circuit court, 40% of the coroner's records, 1 volume of the auditor's records, 91% of the records of the primary election commissioners, all the records of the board of canvassers, and 93% of the records of the board of election commissioners. Users of the records are well accommodated in both rooms. The other 17% of the clerk's records are housed in his basement vault.

Recorder

The recorder's vault adjoins his office (in which no records are housed) on the south side of the first floor. Measuring 16' by 10' by 16', it has concrete walls, floor, and ceiling, and is well lighted and well ventilated. Four hundred feet of bound volumes and 25' of unbound records in file boxes 12" deep are housed here. The shelving is completely occupied, and there is no space for more. All the recorder's records are housed in this vault, which provides satisfactory accommodations for users of the records.

Floor plans of attic to appear here.

Circuit Court

Circuit court records are housed in the clerk's office, vault, and basement vault (q.v.:clerk, supra; basement vault, infra).

Sheriff

The sheriff's office, a well lighted, well ventilated room 25' by 24' by 16', lies at the northeast corner of the first floor. It has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling, and is equipped with 6' of shelving, on which are 2' of unbound volumes and 2' of unbound records in file boxes 18" deep. Adequate accommodations are provided for users of the records, 75% of which are housed here and 25% in the clerk's basement vault.

Coroner

The coroner's office is located at present at the professional office of the incumbent, Dr. C. L. Shulz, on East Michigan Street, LaGrange. This office, whose dimensions are 20' by 20' by 9', houses 60% of the coroner's records--1' of unbound records in a steel filing cabinet. The other 40% are housed in the clerk's vault.

Assessor.

The assessor and commissioners occupy jointly an office 24' by 20' by 16', on the northwest corner of the first floor.

Floor plans of basement to appear here.

This office has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling; and it is well lighted and well ventilated, accommodating users of the records satisfactorily. Equipped with 84% of shelving, it houses only 30% of bound volumes. Eighty per cent of the assessor's records are housed here, the other 20% being kept in the attic.

Board of Review

All the records of the board of review are in the auditor's vault (q.v., *infra*).

Board of Tax Adjustment

The records of the board of tax adjustment are kept in the auditor's vault (q.v., *infra*).

Board of Finance

Board of finance records are housed in the auditor's vault (q.v., *infra*).

School Fund Board

All the records of the school fund board are housed in the auditor's office (q.v., *infra*).

Treasurer

The treasurer's vault lies on the north side of the first floor, opposite the clerk's vault. No records are housed in the

treasurer's office. The vault, 20' by 10' by 16', has concrete walls, floor, and ceiling, and is well lighted. On 350' of shelving are 200' of bound volumes and 50' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep. With the present arrangement very little space is left for expansion, but rearrangement would allow full use of the shelving. Adequate accommodations are provided for users of the records. Of the treasurer's records 55% are housed in his vault, 44% in his basement vault, 1% in the auditor's basement vault, and 2 volumes in the auditor's office.

Auditor

The auditor's office and adjoining vault are situated on the south side of the first floor between the assessor's office and the treasurer's vault. The office is 24' by 24' by 16' and has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling, while the vault is 20' by 10' by 16', and has concrete walls, floor, and ceiling; both are well lighted and well ventilated, and in both, users of the records are well accommodated. Three feet of bound volumes are housed in this room, but additional shelving, for which space can be obtained, is necessary for expansion of the records. In the vault are 600' of volumes and 200' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep; here, also, the present shelving is wholly occupied, but no space can be obtained for more. The office houses 1% of the auditor's records, 11% of the Commissioners' records, 33% of the council's records, all the records of the school fund board, 9% of the records of the primary election

commissioners, 7% of the records of the board of election commissioners, and 1 volume of the treasurer's records. The vault houses 15% each of the records of the auditor and the department of public welfare; 88% of the commissioners' records; 67% of the council's records; all the records of the board of review, the board of tax adjustment, the board of finance, and the inspector of weights and measures; and 33% of the records of the board of education. Ten percent of the auditor's records are housed in the assessor's office, 74% in the auditor's basement vault, and 1 volume in the clerk's vault.

Primary Election Commissioners

The records of the primary election commissioners are housed in the clerk's vault and the auditor's office (q.v., supra).

Board of Canvassers

All the records of the board of canvassers are housed in the clerk's vault (q.v., supra).

Board of Election Commissioners

Records of the board of election commissioners are housed in the clerk's vault and the auditor's office (q.v., supra).

Board of Education

The records of the board of education are housed in the auditor's vault and the office of the superintendent of schools (q.v.: auditor, supra; superintendent; infra).

Superintendent of Schools **1414629**

On the northwest corner of the first floor is the superintendent's office, a well lighted, well ventilated room, measuring 24' by 20' by 16'. It has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling, and contains 13' of shelving. On this shelving are 6' of bound volumes and 10' of unbound records in file boxes 24" deep. Space is available for additional shelving in this room, which houses all the superintendent's records and 67% of the records of the board of education. Adequate accommodations are provided for persons consulting the records.

Health Commissioner

The health commissioner's office is located at the present at the professional office of the incumbent, Dr. Irwin, on South Detroit Street, Lagrange. The office, 20' by 12' by 9', houses 2' of bound volumes--82% of the health commissioners' records.

The other 16% are in the county nurses' office, in the courthouse on the south side of the second floor. The dimensions of the room are 18' by 10' by 13'; it has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling, and is well lighted and well ventilated. Eight file boxes in a steel cabinet house the records.

Department of Public Welfare

Located at the southwest corner of the second floor, the office

of the department of public welfare is 24' by 10' 6" by 10', and has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling. Well lighted and well ventilated, it houses 3' of bound volumes on shelving, and 10' of unbound records in a filing cabinet. Eighty-five per cent of the department's records are housed in this room, in which persons consulting the records may obtain satisfactory accommodations, and 10% in the auditor's vault.

Surveyor

A well lighted, well ventilated office whose dimensions are 24' by 20' by 16', on the southwest corner of the first floor, is occupied by the surveyor and houses all his records. Having a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling, the office is in good condition and is well lighted and well ventilated. The shelving--18' along the east and west walls--carries 3' of bound volumes and 6' of unbound records in file boxes 24" deep. Adequate accommodations are provided for users of the records.

Highway Supervisor

The office of the highway supervisor is located in the highway garage on North Walnut Street, Lagrange. The office, measuring 10' by 10' by 9', is situated at the west end of the building. Its floor, walls, and ceiling are wooden, and its ventilation and lighting are satisfactory. Two feet of bound volumes are housed on shelving, and 1' of unbound records in file boxes 18" deep is arranged on a desk. These comprise all the records of the highway supervisor.

Inspector of Weights and Measures

The records of the inspector of weights and measures are kept in the auditor's vault (q.v., supra).

Storage Rooms

The basement contains three vaults used for the storage of old records. Old records of the assessor are stored in the attic [For which no details are available at present].

The clerk's basement vault lies directly beneath his first floor vault. Measuring 23' by 11' by 9', it has a concrete floor, stone walls, and a concrete ceiling. Its lighting and ventilation are poor, and no accommodations are provided for users of the records. It houses 200' each of bound and unbound records--the latter in file boxes 12" deep--and, the shelving being inadequate, many of the volumes are stacked on the floor. Seventeen per cent of the clerk's records, 16% of the circuit court records, and 25% of the sheriff's records are housed here.

The treasurer's and the auditor's basement vaults are 20' by 8' by 12' and 10' by 10' by 16', respectively, and have concrete floors, walls, and ceilings. Their condition is similar to that of the clerk's basement vault. The treasurer's vault houses 600' of bound, and 150' of unbound records; the auditor's vault, 500' of bound and 112' of unbound records. In both rooms, as in the clerk's vault, records are stacked on the floor, owing to insufficient shelving. Forty-four per cent of the treasurer's

records are housed in his basement vault; and 74% of the auditor's records and 1% each of the records of the commissioners and the treasurer, in the auditor's basement vault.

Review

It will be noted that the crowded condition of certain offices and vaults cannot be remedied under present circumstances because of congestion in the basement vaults. Additional shelving, if constructed in the latter rooms, probably cannot be installed in sufficient amounts to relieve entirely this congestion. In one room, as stated above, (the treasurer's main vault) rearrangement would permit expansion; but in certain other rooms this cannot be done.

Any available space in the basement should be utilized for the construction of another storage room, preferably of vault design. When this is done and the surplus of records is transferred there from the old vaults, steps should be taken toward correction of the improper condition in those rooms.

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND LEXICATORY NOTES

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing office is the authority followed herein.

Acts	(Session) Laws of the State of Indiana (commonly referred to by binder's title, "Acts"). By authority ... (of the) Secretary of State (of Indiana)
agr. agt.	agricultural agent, agricultural agent's
alph.	alphabetical, alphabetically
approx.	approximately
arr.	arranged
art.	article
assr.	assessor, assessor's
aud.	auditor, auditor's
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
bsmt.	basement
Burns.	Burns, Harrison, editor. Annotated Indiana Statutes containing all acts of a general and public nature in force September 1, 1933. 12 vols. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind. (c1933 and 1934) with Supplement 1936 in pocket in back cover. (Year is given in reference only in citations to supplement. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series as explained in Burns 1:iii-iv.)
c.	copyright (before date)
C.C.	County Courthouse

ch.	chapter
chron.	chronologically, chronological
clk.	clerk, clerk's
comm.	commissioner, commissioners, commissioner's, commissioners'
Const.	Constitution of Indiana (refers to present constitution unless date follows)
cor.	coroner, coronor's
hdw.	handwritten
hi. sup.	highway supervisor, highway supervisor's
hlth, offr.	health officer, health officer's
ibid.	ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana; Indiana Reports (when preceded by the volume number, reference is to the official state court reports)
Laws Ind. Terr.	Laws of Indiana Territory, The, 1801-1809. Edited by Francis S. Philbrick. Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library: Vol. 21. Reprinted with supplementary Indiana material. Indianapolis, Ind. Historical Bureau, 1931.
Laws N. W. Terr.	Laws of the Northwest Territory, The, 1793-1800. Edited by Theodore Calvin Pense. Illinois State Historical Library Law Series: Vol. 1. Springfield, Ill. Reprinted by the Illinois State Bar Association. (c1325)
mi.	mile
n.	north
no.	northeast
no., nos.	number, numbers

nw.	northwest
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
pr. form.	printed form
pt.	part
pvt.	private
pros. atty.	prosecuting attorney, prosecuting attorney's
q.v.	which see
rec.	record
recr.	recorder, recorder's
Rev. Laws 1831	Revised Laws of Indiana, ... enacted by the general assembly at their fifteenth session ... Published by authority of the general assembly. Indianapolis, 1931.
Rev. Stat. 1843	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana passed at the twenty- seventh session of the general assembly ... Printed and pub- lished according to law. Indiana- polis, 1843.
1 Rev. Stat. 1852) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852)	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, passed at the thirty- sixth session of the general assembly ... 2 vols. Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1852.
Rev. Stat. 1881	Revised Statutes of Indiana ... Collated and annotated by James F. Frazer, John D. Stotsenburg and David Turpie, Commissioners. By authority of the general assembly Chicago, Ill. B.B. Myers and Company, 1881.
rm.	room

s.	south
sec.	section
se.	southeast
shf.	sheriff, sheriff's
spe. sess.	special session
stat.	statutes
stg.	storage
suppl.	supplement
sur.	surveyor, surveyor's
supt.	superintendent, superintendent's, superintendent of schools
sw.	southwest
tr.	treasurer, treasurer's
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
vt.	vault
wfr.	welfare
--	current
'	foot, feet
"	inch, inches

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

Explanatory Notes

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving its legal status and functions.

In each legal status the inception date of each office is

given as a comparative basis for the dates of the records. If the office were established before the origin of the county, the date of organization is the inception date. Whenever the inception date of records is later than the date of the organization of the county, it is by reason of statutory inauguration.

Entries are grouped under an outline classification, using headings and subheads according to relative functions. The first breakdown is centered in capitals and lower-case; the second breakdown is relative to the first and is in capitals and lower-case, underscored at the margin.

Each entry has two parts or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a third cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.
2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect one. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are also supplied or are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the types of records more fully.
3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates by years only. In a divided year, the months and days are given. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.
4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one unit, marked 1, the marking is omitted; if otherwise marked, except by dates, marking is given.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Subtitles or variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of arrangement or indexing.

3. Nature of recording. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewriter as stated in entry.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location. The place of custody (the room in which the records are located) is given in the entry, except, as stated in the legal status, in cases where all, or the majority, of the records are in one room.

III. Cross-references made to other entries.

1. For records which have relative functions.

2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a

different title or type of record.

3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

Whenever an entry contains more than one type of record, all the dates are given in a master entry under the actual title or under a complete title, if supplied, with reference to subordinate entries for each part. The subordinate entries consist of title, dates, and description only.

1. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members (1) elected for terms of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. (2) The county is divided into three districts from each of which one member is elected by the electors of the entire county. (3)

Lafayette County has had a board for doing county business since 1838, the date of its organization. For the first year it was composed of the justices of the peace of the several townships of the county, as provided by an act of 1824, (4) with the powers and duties originally conferred upon the board of commissioners of the several counties by an act of 1817. (5) An act of 1861 established the board of commissioners consisting of three elective members, (6) and the revised statutes of 1952 confirmed it in its present form. (7)

The board is the administrative agency of the county and exercises all powers for the transaction of county business conferred by law. (8) In 1908 the fiscal powers were vested exclusively in the county council, which was then created. (9)

The board of commissioners is a body corporate and politic by the name and style of "The Board of Commissioners of the County of Lafayette", and as such, and in such name, has sue and be sued, possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations. (10) It meets in regular sessions beginning on the first day of every month (11) and in special sessions called for specifically stated

business by the county auditor, its clerk or official, (12) or, in case of death or disqualification, by the clerk of the circuit court and recorder, respectively. (13) Any two members constitute a quorum to do business. (14)

Its principal functions are: control of county property, allowance of claims against the county, auditing accounts of all officers handling county money, (15) and exercise of the right of eminent domain. (16) Other powers, in a public nature, have been conferred upon the board by the legislature: letting of contracts for county buildings; (17) purchase of materials and supplies; (18) supervision of maintenance of roads, bridges, and culverts; (19) preparation of the annual budget estimates; (20) abolition or change of township or precinct boundary lines; (21) establishment and maintenance of libraries (22) and hospitals; (23) authorization of payment of bounties; offering of rewards; (24) and authorization of subscription to and preservation of public newspapers printed in the county. (25)

Besides its administrative functions, the board acts as a court in the trial of causes concerning county business. For the transaction of business it adopts its own regulations, but for court sessions it must conform, so far as practicable, with the rules for conducting business in the circuit court. (26) Appeals from its decisions can be taken to the circuit court pursuant to provisions of statute. (27)

The commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of township directors by an act of 1875, for the management

and control of all free turnpikes in the county. The board ever had personal supervision of the districts. Their powers are to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs, contract for labor materials, enter upon lands to take travel and to give certificates of payments, and to appoint a clerk of the board. (28) In act of 1905 made the county auditor the clerk of the board. (29)

This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways appointed by the commissioners. (30)

This office was likewise abolished but by 1920, under and supervision of highways was transferred to the surveyor. (31) unless the commissioners appoint a highway supervisor. The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (32)

The auditor, as clerk, attends the meetings of the board of commissioners, keeps a record of its proceedings, and reserves all the books and papers touching county business in his office. (33)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1882; Burns 20-301.

(2) Acts 1905; Burns 20-504.

(3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 20-301.

(4) Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 15, sec. 1-11, 12-17.

(5) Acts 1817, ch. 15, sec. 1.

(6) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 20, sec. 1, 12, 14.

(7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 20, sec. 1.

(8) Acts 1837, ch. 10, sec. 1; 1841, ch. 10, sec. 10.

(9) Acts 1855; Burns 20-301. 20-302; 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 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- (13) Acts 1883; Burns 26-307.
- (14) 1 Rev. Stat. 1882; Acts 1889; Burns 26-301.
- (15) 1 Rev. Stat. 1882; Acts 1883; Burns, 1887 suppl., 26-320.
- (16) Acts 1886; Burns 26-3101; Acts 1919; Burns 30-303; Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-340.
- (17) Acts 1907; Burns 26-3002, 26-3004.
- (18) Acts 1889, 1905, 1932; Burns 26-336; Acts 1889; Burns 26-337.
- (19) Acts 1919; Burns 30-331.
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- (21) Acts 1889; Burns 26-701. Acts 1919; Burns 26-703.
- (22) 1 Rev. Stat. 1882; Burns 26-301.
- (23) Acts 1903; Burns 26-3001.
- (24) 1 Rev. Stat. 1882; Acts 1875, 1886, 1889, 1911; Burns 26-1101 to 26-1106.
- (25) 1 Rev. Stat. 1882; Burns 26-328.
- (26) 1 Rev. Stat. 1882; Burns 26-317.
- (27) 1 Rev. Stat. 1882; Burns 26-301.
- (28) Acts 1879, ch. 118, sec. 1.
- (29) Acts 1905, ch. 147, sec. 25.
- (30) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.
- (31) Acts 1883; Burns 26-1101.
- (32) Acts 1883; Burns 26-1110.
- (33) 1 Rev. Stat. 1882; Burns 26-611, 26-621, 44-3004.

Court Proceedings and Reports

1. CO. IN-00-000000, 1882-- 20 vols. (1-2).

Minutes of the meetings of the board of commissioners, showing business transacted or the approval or denial of petitions, approval of bills submitted, and decisions taken on public building repairs. Arr. chron. ind. and typed. 300 p. 16 x 12 x 3. Ind. off.

2. CO. IN-00-000000, 1886-1911. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of cases filed for action by the board, showing date of filing, names of principals to case, nature of business, amounts involved, and date of disposal. Arr. chron. ind. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1886-86, ind. bound. vt.; 2 vols., 1887-1911, ind. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 1.

3. CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION, 1902--. 1 file box.

Certificates of election of county commissioners, showing name; district; and dates elected, oath taken, and installed in office. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

4. APPOINTMENT AND APPLICATION TO SELL MERCHANDISE, 1911--.

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Applications for licenses to sell merchandise, showing name and signature of applicant, date of application, kind of merchandise, and term of license. No index. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

5. DITCHES. (Proof of publication), 1904--. 10 file boxes.

Newspaper clippings proving publication of ditch notices, showing name of publication, notice of ditch construction, and dates and number of times notice appeared. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

6. DITCHES, (Surveyor's Certificate), 1904--. 10 file boxes.

Surveyors' certificates to contractors, showing names of ditch, contractor, and property owner; section, township, and range; amount of cost; and dates sealed and signed. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

7. HEALTH COMMISSIONERS, (Appointment), 1910--. 1 file box.

Record of appointments of health commissioners, showing date; name, address, and signature of appointee; and statement of auditor. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

8. HEALTH COMMISSIONERS, (Resignation), 1910--. 1 file box.

Record of resignations of health commissioners, showing date, name and signature of health commissioner, and reason for resignation. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

9. COUNTY INSURANCE, (Insurance), 1907--. 3 file boxes.

Insurance policies covering buildings of the county farm, showing name of company, date and term of policy, and amount of insurance. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

10. COUNTY ROAD, (Superintendent's Report), 1907--.

3 file boxes.

Superintendent's monthly reports, showing date, bills examined and approved by superintendent, name of vendor, name and quantity of article furnished, amount due, revenue paid to treasurer, number of quistus, and amount paid. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

11. COUNTY JAIL, (Proofs of Publication of Notice to Bidders), 1901--. 1 file box.

Newspaper clippings proving publication for bids to build additions to jail, showing date, names of publisher and publication, number and dates of insertions, and signature of publisher. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

12. CIRCUIT COURT WARDS, (Circuit Court Wards), 1901--.

1 file box.

Commitment papers transferring guardianship of minor children from the orphans' home to persons wishing to adopt them, showing date; name, age, and sex of child; names of foster parents; and signatures of commissioners. Indexed alph. by names of wards. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

13. IRVING BROWN T. B. SUPERINTENDENT, (Superintendent's Reports), 1914--. 1 file box.

Reports of the superintendent as to the condition of the

patients sent to the sanitarium by the county, showing date of report, name of patient, physical and mental condition, special treatment given, progress made, stage of disease, surgical treatment, conclusion of report, and superintendent's signature.

Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

14. COUNTY NURSES, (Reports), 1927--. 1 file box.

Reports of nurses, showing name and residence of patient, number of patients in family, health conditions, suggestions for betterment, and signature of nurse. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

15. ROYERS' ORPHAN HOME, (Adoption Records), 1913--. 1 vol.

Record of children admitted to and released from the orphan's home, showing name, age, sex, nationality, and history of child; date of admittance; names, address, and qualifications of foster parents; and action of commissioners in each case. Indexed alph. by names of foster parents and children. 1913-29, hbw.; 1929--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

16. HIGHWAYS ESTABLISHED, 1900--. 3 file boxes.

Highways established. Contains: Commissioners' Orders, entry 17; Notices, entry 18; Proofs of Publication, entry 19; Road Improvement Petitions, entry 36. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

17. ORDERS TO ROAD VIEWERS, 1900--. In Highways Established, entry 18.

Commissioners' orders to road viewers to inspect and report on petitions for highways, showing date; location and route of

proposed highway or road; date, time, and place for meeting; and signatures of viewers.

18. NOTICES TO ROAD VIEWERS, 1900--. In Highways Established, entry 16.

Notices served by sheriff to persons appointed to serve as road viewers, showing date, name of appointee, location and description of proposed route to be viewed, names of adjacent land owners, place and time for viewers' meeting, signature of auditor, and sheriff's costs.

19. PROOFS OF PUBLICATION, 1900--. In Highways Established, entry 16.

Commissioners' files of proofs that road improvements were advertised, showing date, name and affidavit of publisher, name of publication, dates and number of insertions, publication cost, and signatures of commissioners and auditor.

20. TRANSCRIPT, 1894-1933. 1 file box.

Transcripts of cases binding real estate for possible settlement of judgment, showing date of filing, title of cause, transcript of case, names of court and judge, and disposition. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

21. MISCELLANEOUS, (Ordinances), 1907-1940. 1 file box.

Original ordinances permitting the construction of buildings and operation of private businesses on county property. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

22. INCORPORATED TOWNS, PROOFS OF APPLICATION, 1912-16.

1 file box.

Proofs that elections to incorporate towns have been properly

published, showing names of publisher and published on; dates and number of insertions; charges, affidavit, and residence of publisher; and signatures of commissioners and auditor. Arr. chron.

5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

23. PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A JUSTICE OF PEACE,
1904. 1 file box.

Original petitions of residents for the appointment of a successor upon the resignation of a justice of the peace, showing date, reasons for and purpose of petition, and signatures of petitioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

24. GRAND JURY, 1910-31. 1 file box.

Grand jury reports of conditions found in public buildings and institutions, showing condition of building investigated, care and management given by superintendent, suggestions of jury for improvements or for additional or better supplies, and date of submitting report. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Bond Issue

25. ISHAMITECUM RECORD, (Bond Issues), 1922--. 1 vol.

Record of the distribution of the proceeds from bond issues, showing dates of issue and appropriations, names of purchasers and depositories, amounts appropriated to the several county funds, interest payment, and balance in each fund. Arr. alph. by titles of funds. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 12 x 1. Aud. vt.

26. SCOTLAND BOND AND FINANCE, 1928--. 2 file boxes.

Remonstrances filed against the floating of bond issues to

finance erection of school buildings, showing date, name of township, location of proposed school, objections, and signatures of demonstrators. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

27. HEALTH COMMISSIONER, (Bond), 1916--. 1 file box.

Original bonds posted by health commissioners on assuming office, showing names of appointee and sureties, amount and terms of bond, and signatures of all parties to bond. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

28. DITCHES, (Contractors' Bonds), 1884--. 19 file boxes.

Original bonds filed by contractors bidding on county ditch work, showing names of contractor and sureties, date and terms of bond, and amount and date of approval of bid. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

29. COURTHOUSE, (Contractors' Bonds), 1910--. 2 file boxes.

Original contractors' bonds covering repairs on courthouse, showing names of contractor and sureties, kind and cost of work, amount and terms of bond, and approval of commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

30. DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS' BONDS, 1887-1929. 1 file box.

Original bonds filed by bridge commissioners, showing names of appointee and sureties, dates of acceptance and approval of appointment, amount and terms of bond, and signatures of appointee and commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

31. STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION BOND SALE, 1917-30. 1 file box.

Lists of state highway commission bond issues, showing date of sale, name and affidavit of bidder, amount of bid, and description of bond. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Petitions

32. VACATIONS, 1942--. 1 file box.

Petitions filed with board of commissioners for vacation proceedings on property, showing reason for action, description of property, and signatures of petitioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

33. PETITIONS FOR IMPROVED ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, 1919--.

17 file boxes.

Record of actions of board of commissioners on letters of road improvement petitions, showing name and location of road; acceptance and approval by board; names of engineer, highway superintendent, and contractor; and amounts of bid and bond furnished. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

34. INCORPORATION TOWN PETITION, 1913-16. 1 file box.

Petitions in proceedings to incorporate towns of the 5th class, showing census of property owners, names of legal voters, heads of families, number of family members, and total population within town limits. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

35. HIGHWAY PETITIONS TO IMPROVE BY GRADING AND GRAVELING, 1935--. 1 file box.

Petitions of taxpayers to have roads graded and graveled, showing name, location, and description of road; and signatures of petitioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

36. ROAD IMPROVEMENT PETITIONS, 1900--. In highways
Established, entry 16.

Original petitions to build or improve roadways, showing date;

name, description, and location of road; reason for petition; and plat of proposed road or improvement.

37. ROAD PETITIONS FILED IN REPLYBOOK, 1928-34. 1 file box.

Petitions for road improvements not yet approved by board, showing date, description and location of desired improvement, and signatures of petitioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

38. HIGHWAY TAKE-OVERS, 1930-34. 1 file box.

Petitions from various localities for merging of certain roads into the county free gravel road system, showing date; names, descriptions, and locations of roads; and signatures of petitioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

39. MISCELLANEOUS, (Petitions for Appointment of Constables), 1867-1930. 1 file box.

Petitions for appointments of constables, showing date, reason for petition, number of constables wanted, and signatures of petitioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

40. FRANCHISE PETITIONS, (Utilities), 1896-1922. 1 file box.

Petitions for franchises to construct, operate, and maintain public utilities, showing location, type of service, franchise agreements, date filed, and approval and signatures of commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

41. PETITION FOR CATTLE AND SHEEP TO RUN AT LARGE, 1881-87. 1 file box.

Petitions of freeholders and owners of unenclosed lands to permit cattle and sheep to graze on such lands, showing date of petition, description and location of lands, and signatures of petitioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

42. PETITION FOR INCORPORATION OF WALCOTTVILLE, 1894.

1 file box.

Petition to incorporate the town of Walcottville, showing petition, approval of electorate, and signatures of petitioners.

Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Bids and Contracts

43. BIDDERS' RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of bids to furnish materials, supplies, and equipment, showing names of bidders and publication, requisition number, description, quantity, unit price, and date of purchase. Arr. numerically. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

44. COUNTY JAIL, (Contractors' Bids), 1941--. 1 file box.

Contractors' bids on jail repairs, showing name of bidder, amount of bid, nature of service, date, and commissioners' approval.

Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

45. COUNTY FARM, (Bids for Supplies), 1967--. 3 file boxes.

Accepted bids for county farm groceries and supplies, showing name of bidder, date, amount, and date of acceptance. Arr. chron.

5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

46. COURTHOUSE, (Janitor's Salary), 1910--. 2 file boxes.

Record of janitors' salary bids, showing amount of wages desired and commissioners' decision. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

47. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, (Equipment and Supply Bids), 1914--.

4 file boxes.

Bids for highway department supplies and equipment, showing name of bidder; date; description, quantity, and price of goods; and

bidder's signature. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

48. COAL CONTRACTS, 1917--. 1 file box.

Bids and contracts for county coal supply, showing proof of publication; date; name of bidder; quantity, quality, and price of coal offered; and commissioners' acceptance or rejection.

Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

49. COUNTY JAIL, (Building Contracts), 1841--. 1 file box.

Bids and contracts for the construction of additions and improvements to the county jail, showing date, cost, specifications, requisition for materials, total cost, and decision of commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

50. COUNTY FARM, (Building Contracts), 1837--. 3 file boxes.

Contracts for buildings and repairs at county farm, showing date, kind of material, specifications, total cost of repairs, and decision of commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

51. PHYSICIANS' CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS, 1879--. 1 file box.

Contracts with county physicians to attend the sick in county institutions, showing date, physician's obligation, amount of fee wanted, and decision of commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

52. ORPHANS' HOME CONTRACT AND PAPERS, 1883--. 1 file box.

Contracts of orphans' home for supplies and services, bonds of superintendent and matron, and petitions of commissioners as trustees for appropriations to orphans' home fund. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

53. ROGER MOLE FARM, 1893--. 1 file box.

Papers, showing expenditures for lease of lands, insurance, cost of utilities, maintenance and up-keep, bond issues, and supplies. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

54. STATIONARY CONTRACTS, 1924--. 2 file boxes.

Printers' bids on county work, showing name of bidder, date, description and amount of bid, and total amount. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

55. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, (Contracts for Supplies), 1914--.

4 file boxes.

Contracts to furnish supplies for highways, showing date; name of vendor; agreement as to kind, amount, and price; and signatures of contractor, auditor, and commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

56. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, (Contracts for Construction),

1914--. 4 file boxes.

Original contracts for public road work, showing date; name, location, and description of road; description and cost of work; and signatures of contractor, auditor, and commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Claim and Allowance

57. CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1911--. 6 vols. (7-12).

Record of allowances for county expenditures, showing number of claim, date, name of payee, service rendered, title of appropriation, amount, and warrant number. Arr. numerically by claim numbers. Typed. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

58. CLAIMS, 1936--. 2 file boxes.

Claims against county, showing claim number, name of claimant, amount, service rendered, claimant's verification of correctness of claim, and auditor's approval. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

59. REGISTER OF ALLOWANCES, (Ditches), 1887-94. 1 vol.

Record of allowances of drain ditches, showing date, name of claimant, title of fund, amount, and service performed. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. bsmt. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 57.

60. DITCH ASSESSMENT FEES, 1876--. 1 file box.

Lists of property owners benefited by and assessed for cleaning of ditches, showing date; name of ditch; cost of cleaning; proportionate cost assessed against landowner; and certification of surveyor, auditor, and commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

61. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE, AUDITOR'S REPORT, 1887--.

1 file box.

Original school fund loan certificates, showing date and amount of loan, names of applicant and fund, description of real estate securing loan, approval of auditor and commissioners, and appointment of school fund board. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

62. OLD AGE PENSION APPLICATIONS ALLOWED, 1933-36. 1 vol.

Record of commissioners' actions on applications for old age pensions, showing date; name, sex, residence, date and place of birth, marital status, naturalization record, length of residence, family record, and ownership of property of applicant; and signatures of investigators. Hdw. and typed. 300 pp. 10 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

63. OLD AGE PENSION RECORD, 1933-36. 1 vol.

Record of commissioners' actions on approving or denying old age assistance and determining the amounts to be paid. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. and typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

For other old age pension records, see entry 416.

64. SOLDIERS' BURIAL RECORD, 1889-1928. 1 vol.

Record of deceased veteran soldiers, sailors, and marines buried at public expense, showing name, age, rank, command, date of death, place of burial, and occupation in life of deceased; and itemized cost of burial. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

For other military records, see entries 92-94, 122.

65. SOLDIERS' BURIAL, 1889-1910. 1 file box.

Report of burial of soldiers, sailors, and marines, showing name, age, rank, command, date of death, place of burial, and occupation during life of deceased; and itemized account of burial expense. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Roads, Bridges, and Ditches

66. COMMISSIONERS' ROAD RECORD, 1891--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of minutes of commissioners' meetings, showing date of meeting, names of commissioners present, road work discussed, and action taken. Arr. alph. by names of roads. 1891-1914, hdw.; 1914--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Aud. vt.

67. BRIDGES, 1869-1930. 4 file boxes.

Data on bridge contracts and construction, showing petitions to

erect bridge; location; notice to bidders; specifications; definition of terms; bidder's proposal; bond issues; plans; contract; cost; final inspection; and signatures of bidder, engineer, and commissioners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

68. DITCHES, (Surveyor's Final Report), 1884--. 19 filo boxes.

Surveyors' reports to commissioners on construction of ditches, showing dates of report and project completion, name of ditch, work performed, and signature of president of board. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

69. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1929--. 1 vol.

Minutes of commissioners' meetings pertaining to construction and repair of drain ditches, showing name of ditch, location and description of work to be done, and cost. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 1.

II. COUNTY COUNCIL

In 1899 the legislature created the county council, to be known as "The Lagrange County Council". (1) This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years and who must be qualified voters and resident freeholders of the county. One member is elected from each of the four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district, and three members are elected by the voters of the county at large. (2) The council elects its president from its membership, and the auditor as its clerk is required to keep and preserve in his office a record of its proceedings. (3) The sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (4)

The regular annual meeting is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, of imposing the tax levy, and of making appropriations, and continues from day to day until its business is completed. Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members. Sessions must be public. (5)

Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances requires a majority of all members; (6) and extraordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances; a three-fourths vote to increase or insert an item in the budget estimates submitted by the county agencies through the auditor; (7) a two-thirds vote to make additional appropriations at special meetings. (8)

The power of fixing the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where it is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury. (9)

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials, (10) as well as emergency appropriations. (11)

The council has exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds. (12) No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of \$1,000 or more is made without authorization by the council. (13)

The auditor, as clerk of the council, keeps a journal of its proceedings, and also keeps and preserves in his office its files and papers. (14)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501. | (7) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520. |
| (2) Acts 1899; Burns 26-502, 26-504; Acts 1907; Burns 26-505. | (8) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-521. |
| (3) Acts 1899; 1931; Burns 26-507; Acts 1899; Burns 26-509. | (9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-515, 26-520. |
| (4) Acts 1899; Burns 26-510. | (10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520. |
| (5) Acts 1899, 1931; Burns 26-507; Acts 1899; Burns 26-508. | (11) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-521. |
| (6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-511. | (12) Acts 1899, 1912, 1929; Burns 26-532. |
| | (13) Acts 1899; Burns 26-534. |
| | (14) Acts 1899; Burns 26-509. |

70. COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1899--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Minutes of meetings of county council, showing questions discussed;

actions taken in matters of appropriations, ordinances, budgets, and road and bridge repair costs; and signatures of members of council. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. off.

71. COUNTY COUNCIL, (Ordinances), 1884-- . 2 file boxes. Appropriation ordinances passed by council on budget requests of county departments, showing name of office or department, titles of funds and amounts requested in each, and amounts appropriated. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 4. Aud. vt.

72. COUNTY COUNCIL, 1884-- . 2 file boxes. Estimates of appropriations for county departments, showing date filed, amount requested, and date approved. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

III. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The clerk of the circuit court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (1)

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of clerk existed by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (2) The inception date of this office in Lagrange County is 1832, the organization of the county.

The clerk of the circuit court is required to keep a set of dockets and records for the court. (3) He also serves by statutory provisions, as clerk of all county courts.

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves ex officio as registration officer for the county (4) and as member and clerk of the county election boards. (5)

Other important duties of the clerk are the issuance of marriage licenses; (6) professional licenses, such as physicians', (7) dentists', (8) and optometrists'; (9) hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses; (10) business licenses, such as poultry dealers' (11) and junk dealers'; (12) and, upon order of the circuit judge, permits to carry small firearms. (13) He approves, files, and keeps a record of the bonds of county and township officers, unless other provision is made by law, (14) and of notaries. (15) He is required to keep a register of trained nurses (16) and a record of certificates of firms and

partnerships, doing business under any name, designation, or title other than the real names of their members, (17) and he also records many legal instruments. (18)

The clerk is required to preserve in his office all records and writings pertaining to his official duties, to indorse the time of filing of all papers, and in addition to the records mentioned above, to keep all necessary judges', appearance, bar, judgment, and execution dockets; order and final record books; a complete record of all causes involving title to land, of all criminal causes for felony, and of all other cases upon request; (19) a cash book; (20) and a fee register. (21) Other records are specifically provided for by the laws assigning to him the duties outlined above.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2;
2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2701. | (12) Acts 1905; Burns 42-703. |
| (2) Const. 1816, art. 5,
sec. 8. | (13) Acts 1935, 1937; Burns,
1937 suppl., 10-4738. |
| (3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2706. | (14) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-105; Acts 1857; Burns
49-124; 2 Rev. Stat.
1852; Burns 49-2706. |
| (4) Acts 1933, 1935; Burns,
1937 suppl., 29-306. | (15) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts
1855; Burns 49-3503. |
| (5) Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401,
Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504;
Acts 1899; Burns 29-1002. | (16) Acts 1905, 1913, 1931;
Burns 63-903. |
| (6) Acts 1852; Burns 44-201. | (17) Acts 1909; Burns 50-201,
50-202. |
| (7) Acts 1897, 1899; Burns
63-1302. | (18) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2706. |
| (8) Acts 1913, 1931, 1935; Burns,
1937 suppl., 63-504. | (19) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2706. |
| (9) Acts 1907, 1935; Burns, 1937
suppl., 63-1011. | (20) Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.);
Burns 49-2722. |
| (10) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl.,
11-1403. | (21) Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.);
Burns 49-2723. |
| (11) Acts 1917, 1929, 1932 (Spec.
Sess.); Burns 42-802. | |

Official Bonds

73. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BOND, 1852--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of bonds posted by county officials, showing date issued, names of official and sureties, amount of bond, conditions and obligations set forth, and tenure of office. Indexed alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 380 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

Licenses

Marriage (See also ontry 408)

74. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1843--. 30 vols. (1-30).

Record of applications for liconses, and marriage returns; showing names, ages, occupations, and birthplaces of brido and groom; names of parents and officiating clorgyman or officor; date of return; and proof of marriago. Arr. alph. by names of brides and grooms. Hdw. 575 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

75. MARRIAGE RETURNS, 1933--. 2 file boxes.

Certificates of marriage, showing date of issuance; name of clergyman or official performing marriago rite; and names, addressos, ages, color, birthplaces, race, and previous marital status of brido and groom. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

Professional

76. RECORD OF PHYSICIANS' LICENSES, 1885--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for physicians' licenses, showing date of application; name, age, residence, and qualifications of

applicant; branch of medicine studied, or college attended; and date of diploma. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Clk. vt.

77. DRUGLESS PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE RECORD, 1928. 1 vol.

Record of licenses issued, showing date issued; names of applicant and college attended; and qualifications, age, place of birth, and residence of applicant. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 150 pp. 15 x 12 x 1. Clk. off.

78. DENTIST LICENSE, 1887-1924. 1 vol.

Record of applications for licenses to practice dentistry, showing date of issuance; name, age, birthplace, address, qualifications, and college of applicant; and statement before examiners. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 150 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

79. OPTOMETRY LICENSE RECORD, 1907-33. 1 vol.

Record of applications for licenses to practice optometry, showing date of issuance; and name, age, birthplace, address, qualifications, and witnesses of applicant. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 150 pp. 14 x 10 x 1. Clk. off.

80. RECORD OF VETERINARY APPLICATIONS, 1901-23. 1 vol.

Record of licenses granted veterinarians, showing date of issuance; name, age, birthplace, address, and qualifications of licensee; source of education; names of witnesses; and statement of state board of examiners. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 12 x 1. Clk. vt.

Business

81. JUNK DEALERS' LICENSE, 1916--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for licenses to buy and sell junk, showing dates of application and grant of license, name and address of applicant, and signature of clerk. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 170 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. Clk. off.

82. RECORD OF POULTRY DEALERS' LICENSE, 1917--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for poultry dealers licenses, showing dates of application and grant of license, name and address of applicant, and signature of clerk. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. Clk. off.

83. REGISTER OF SIRES, 1887-1915. 1 vol.

Record of applications for sire licenses, showing date issued; names of owner and sire; date of birth, pedigree, and breed of sire; and affidavit of owner. Arr. alph. by names of sires. Hdw. 200 pp. 15 x 12 x 1. Clk. vt.

Certificates

84. CERTIFICATE OF PARTNERSHIP, 1927-34. 1 file box.

Certificates issued in partnerships, showing date issued, names of partners and witnesses, kind of business, location of firm, and affidavits of partners. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

85. PARTNERSHIP RECORD, 1909--. 1 vol.

Record of partnerships, showing date established, names and addresses of partners and firm, affidavits of principals, and names of witnesses. Arr. alph. by names of firms. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. Clk. off.

86. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO CARRY FIREARMS, 1926--.

1 file box.

Original applications of persons seeking permits to carry firearms, showing name, address, and complete personal description of applicant; reason for seeking permit; kind of weapon desired; approval of application; date of permit; and description of weapon. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Clk. vt.

87. CERTIFICATE OF COURT ALLOWANCES, 1900--. 2 vols.

Record of court expense allowances, showing date allowed, name of claimant, number and amount of claim, and total amount allowed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 14 x 8 x 3.
1 vol., 1900-1934, Clk. bsmt. vt.; 1 vol., 1935--. Clk. off.

Registers

88. REGISTER OF OFFICERS, 1853--. 1 vol.

Register of county officials, showing date of commission, names of officials and sureties, tenure of office, and appointments to vacancies. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

89. REGISTER OF TRAINED NURSES, 1907--. 1 vol.

Register of trained nurses of county, showing date of registration; and name, address, and qualifications of nurse. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 10 x 1. Clk. vt.

90. ESTRAY RECORD, 1882-1933. 1 file box.

Reports of animals strayed and seized, showing date; name of owner; number, kind, and value of stock; costs of keep; court hearing; and publication. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

91. RECORD OF ESTRAYS, 1838-1918. 1 vol.

Record of straying stock, showing date lost; names of justice of peace, impounder, and appraiser; number of head; description of stock; and court and publication costs. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

Military Records
(See also entries 64, 122)

92. OLD SOLDIERS' ENUMERATION, 1913-18. 1 file box.

Lists of soldiers, sailors, and members of national guard residing in the county, showing date of enlistment; names of company and regiment, name and address of veteran; tenure of service, and state of enlistment. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

93. SOLDIERS OF THE WORLD WAR, 1917-18. 1 file box.

List of veterans of the World War, showing dates of enlistment and discharge; and name, age, address, occupation, physical qualifications for service, company, and regiment of veteran. Arr. by certificate numbers. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

94. ENROLLMENT OF SOLDIERS AND THEIR WIDOWS AND ORHPANS,
1886-94. 9 vols.

Record of Civil War veterans and their widows and children, showing name, regiment, company, rank, and dependants of veteran; and dates of enlistment and death or discharge. No index. Hdw. 30 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. bsmt. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

95. CLERK'S DAILY BALANCE, 1923--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of clerk's daily balances, showing date of entry, names of depositories, receipts or disbursements charged or credited, date, balance of the previous day, number of checks issued, amount of cash deposited daily, and cash on hand at end of day.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 16 x 2. Clk. off.

96. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1935--.

1 vol.

Record of cash receipts and disbursements, showing names of payer and payee, name and amount of fund debited or credited, cause of payment, apportionments, and total amounts disbursed.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Clk. vt.

97. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS, 1911-34. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date of entry, names of payer, and fund charged, source of fee, receipt number, book and page references, costs due county, and total receipts and disbursements. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

98. CASH BOOK, 1875-1911. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of cash receipts and disbursements, showing date of entry, names of payer and fund chargeable, source of fee, amount charged, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 315 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. bsmt. vt.

99. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1861-75. 1 vol.

Record of daily cash receipts, disbursements, and balances; showing names of depository and fund chargeable, amount of daily deposit, total amount, and balance of cash on hand.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 425 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. bsmt. vt.

IV. RECORDER

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a term of four years and is required to post bond. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of recorder for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (2)

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of recorder existed by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Lagrange County is 1832, the organization date of the county.

The title of this officer describes his functions: To make and preserve a public record of legal documents which by law he is bound to record, for both county officials and private persons. (4) Of the many kinds of instruments recorded the more important are: Deeds, mortgages, and apprentices' indentures, (5) satisfactions, cancelations. and assignments of any kind, (6) mechanics' liens, (7) and leases. (8)

Other documents of which the recorder is required to keep a record are: Articles of incorporation filed in his office, (9) certificates of admission for foreign corporations to do business in Indiana, (10) cemetery deeds, (11) cemetery associations, (12) farm names, (13) and chattel mortgages. (14)

The forms and methods to be used by the recorder are described in detail in the statutes. In addition to the records enumerated above, he must keep a fee book and a cash book, and enter therein as received, all money received by his office. (15) He is also

required to index his records, both in each volume and in complete or general indexes. (16)

All the records are located in the recorder's vault in the courthouse.

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| (1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Burns 3201. | (9) Acts 1929; Burns 25-219. |
| (2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (10) Acts 1929; Burns 25-305. |
| (3) Const. 1816, art. 11, sec. 10. | (11) Acts 1925; Burns 21-223. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1925; Burns 49-3205. | (12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 25-1520. |
| (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3210. | (13) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3226. |
| (6) Acts 1905; Burns 49-3203. | (14) Acts 1935; Burns 1937 Suppl., 51-510. |
| (7) Acts 1909; Burns 43-703. | (15) Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401. |
| (8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875, 1913, 1921, 1932; Burns 56-119. | (16) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3209, 49-3217 to 49-3220; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855; Burns 49-3216. |

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

100. DEED RECORD, 1836--. 83 vols. (1-83).

Record of deeds, showing dates acknowledged and recorded, names of grantee and grantor, description and location of property, amount of consideration, and transfer record. Indexed alph. by names of grantees and grantors. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

101. GENERAL INDEX OF DEEDS, GRANTEE, 1834--. 12 vols. (1-12).

General index to deed records, showing date, name of grantee, description and location of property, volume and page of deed record, amount of consideration, and lot number. Arr. by names of grantees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

102. GENERAL INDEX OF DEEDS, GRANTOR, 1832--. 12 vols. (1-12).

General index to deed records, showing date; name of grantor; description, location, and acreage of property; transfer; volume and page of deed record; amount of consideration; and lot number.

Arr. alph. by names of grantors. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

103. DEEDS, 1885--. 50 file boxes.

Original deeds filed for recording, showing name of owner, location and description of property, signatures of grantors and witnesses, date sealed, notarial acknowledgment, day and time recorded, volume and page of deed record, tax record, and fees attached. Arr. chron. 5 x 9 x 14.

104. SHERIFF DEED RECORD, 1880--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of sheriff's sale of real estate, in satisfaction of mortgages by court order, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and purchaser, cause, date of decree, amount of consideration, description and location of real estate, amount of sale, sheriff's return, and conveyance made. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

For sheriff's sale records, see entry 191.

105. CEMETERY DEED RECORD, 1925--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of deeds to cemetery lots, showing names of grantee and grantor, description, location, and lot number, and consideration. Arr. chron. Typed. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

106. TAX TITLE DEED RECORD, 1850--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of property sold to satisfy delinquent tax claims, showing date of sale, amount of tax due, penalties and interest attached,

location of property, and names of former owner and purchaser. Arr. chron. Hdw. 275 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

For tax sales records, see entry 331.

107. QUIET TITLE, 1911--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of deeds on which title was cleared and approved by court decree, showing date of court order, name of affirmed owner, and description and location of property. Arr. chron. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

108. WILL RECORD, 1917--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of wills filed for probate, showing names of testator, executor, and witnesses; provisions of will; date; and signatures of testator and witnesses. Arr. chron. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For other will records, see entries 119, 168.

109. PARTITION RECORD, 1919--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of court proceedings in partition cases, showing names of estate, plaintiff and defendant, and commissioners; value and location of real estate; amount claimed by plaintiff; report of commissioners; and decree of court. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

110. PLATS OF LAGRANGE COUNTY, 1830-31. 1 vol.

Plats of county, showing townships, ranges, sections, lakes, rivers, and towns. No index. Ink drawings. 30 pp. 24 x 18 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Mortgages, Assignments, and Releases

Real Estate

111. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1844--. 51 vols. (1-50).

Record of real estate mortgages, showing date recorded, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of mortgage and agreement, description and location of property, date due, and interest payment. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. 1844-1912, hdw.; 1913--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 4.

112. MORTGAGES, 1847--. 55 file boxes.

Original mortgage papers, filed for recording, showing date executed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, mortgage amount and agreement, description and location of property, interest rate, signatures, and volume and page of mortgage record. Arr. chron. 5 x 9 x 14.

Chattels

113. CHATTEL MORTGAGE MINUTE BOOK, 1935--. 2 vols. (14-15).

Record of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of chattel, amount of mortgage and agreement, interest rate, date due, and signatures. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

114. CHATTEL MORTGAGE, 1839-1935. 16 vols. (1-13 and A-C).

Record of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of chattel, date and amount

of mortgage, agreement, interest, date due, and signatures.

Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. 1839-1920 hdw.; 1920-35, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

115. GENERAL INDEX OF MORTGAGES, 1839--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Index to mortgages, showing date recorded, names of mortgagors and mortgagees, amount and agreement, description and location of real estate or lands, tenure of mortgage, book and page number of record, and satisfaction. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

School Funds (See also entries 213, 339-53)

116. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE, 1854--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of mortgages securing school fund loans, showing date, amount of mortgage and agreement, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of property, rate of interest, tenure of mortgage, and signatures. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Releases

117. RELEASE RECORD, 1920--. 1 vol.

Record of mortgage releases, showing dates of full or partial satisfaction, amounts, name of owner, location of property, and particulars of release and discharge. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For prior records, see entry 111.

Register of Legal Instruments

118. ENTRY BOOKS, 1845--. 13 vols. (1-13).

Record of all instruments recorded, showing date recorded, kind of instrument, reference to record volume and page, and amount of fees collected. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

119. RECORD OF WILLS AND ORDERS OF COURT, 1900--. 8 vols.

(1-8).

Record of wills venued from foreign counties and filed with recorder, showing name and residence of testator; proviso for disposing of property; and names of executor, attorney, and jurat. Indexed alph. by names of testators. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For other will records, see entries 108, 168.

120. TRANSFER AND INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1914--. 3 vols.

(1-3).

Record of taxes levied on transferred and inherited property, showing dates of transfer and levy; title of estate; names of grantor, grantee, and legatees; description of property taxed; value of tangible and intangible property; and amount of tax levied. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

For other inheritance tax records, see entry 172.

121. DITCH RECORD, 1882-1931. 1 vol.

Record of court decisions fixing allotments and assessments against properties and lands benefited by construction or repair of ditches; showing name of owners and ditch, type of ditch or drain,

description of land benefited or damaged, amount assessed, and monthly payments to be made. Arr. chron. Hdw. 640 pp.

18 x 12 x 3.

122. ENLISTMENT RECORD, 1918-27. 1 vol.

Service record of World War veterans, showing name, enlistment and service record, previous service, honorable discharge, character, and physical condition. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp.

13 x 9 x 2.

For other military records, see entries 64, 92-94.

Fee and Cash Books

123. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1909--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of fees charged and cash collected, showing date, source of fees, number and kind of instrument, name of payer, date of recording, and fees collected. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp.

18 x 12 x 3.

124. RECORDER'S CASH BOOK, 1892-1909. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of cash collected for recording fees, showing date, name of payer, kind of fee, account, and amount collected. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Miscellaneous Records

125. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1851--. 29 vols. (A-U, and 8 vols. not labeled).

Record of miscellaneous instruments recorded, including mechanic's liens, bills of sale, crop liens, leases, dissolutions, extensions

of contracts, incorporations and affidavits; showing date of recording, names of parties to instrument, declarations, conditions, covenants, considerations, releases, and discharges. Arr. chron. 1851-1901, hdw.; 1901-- , typed. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 4.

V. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court was created by the Constitution of 1816, and re-created by the Constitution of 1851. (1) The judge of the circuit court is elected by the voters of the circuit and serves for a term of six years. (2) The State of Indiana, by mandate of the Constitution of 1816, (3) was at first divided into three circuits by the legislature, and since that time the number of circuits has been increased as the need arose until at present there are seventy-eight--only fourteen circuits embrace two counties. (4) Thirty-fifth circuit comprises LaGrange and Steuben Counties, (5) and the court is styled "LaGrange and Steuben Circuit Court." (6)

The court has original exclusive jurisdiction in law, equity, and criminal cases, actions for divorce, and settlement of decedents' estates and guardianships, except as concurrent jurisdiction has been conferred by law upon justices of the peace and the criminal and superior courts. It has such appellate jurisdiction as may be conferred by law. It has also jurisdiction in all other causes, matters, and proceedings, except where exclusive jurisdiction has been conferred upon some other court, board, or officer. (7)

In 1829 the legislature created a probate court which became effective in LaGrange and Steuben Counties upon its organization.

in 1832. This court had original and exclusive jurisdiction of all probate matters in the county. The clerk of the circuit court acted as clerk for the probate court. (8)

By an act of 1852 the legislature abolished the probate court (9) and created a court of common pleas to serve Lagrange and Steuben Counties. The clerk of the circuit court acted as clerk of the court of common pleas. (10) The court of common pleas had original and exclusive jurisdiction of probate cases. (11)

The legislature in 1873 abolished the court of common pleas and transferred its jurisdiction to the circuit court; (12) and all the records of the common pleas court were transferred to the circuit court. (13)

The clerk of the circuit court is charged by statute with the duty of keeping and preserving the official records of the circuit court. (14)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- (1) Const., 1816, art. 5, secs. 1, 3, 7; Const., art. 7, sec. 1.
 - (2) Const., art. 7, sec. 9; Burns 4-301.
 - (3) Const., 1816, art. 5, sec. 3.
 - (4) Burns 4-332; Burns, 1937 suppl., 4-332.
 - (5) Acts 1911; Burns 4-332.
 - (6) Acts 1881 (Spo. Sess.); Burns 4-302.

- (7) Const., art. 7, sec. 8; Acts 1881 (Spo. Sess.); Burns 4-303.
- (8) Acts 1848-29, pt. 2, ch. 25, secs. 1-3, 5, 8.
- (9) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 8, sec. 43.
- (10) Ibid., sec. 1, 3, 25.
- (11) Ibid., sec. 4.
- (12) Acts 1873, ch. 29, secs. 21, 79-80.
- (13) Ibid., sec. 81.
- (14) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706.

Civil Causes

126. LEGAL PAPERS OF COURT CASES, 1832--. 437 file boxes.

Legal papers of court cases. Contains: Legal Papers in Civil Causes, entry 127; Legal Papers in Criminal Causes, entry 156. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. 100 file boxes, 1832-68, Clk. bamt. vt.; 337 file boxes, 1869--, Clk. vt.

127. LEGAL PAPERS IN CIVIL CAUSES, 1832--. In Legal Papers of Court Cases, entry 126.

Legal papers of civil cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; cause; proceedings; orders; decrees; nature of writ: issued; and returns in execution.

128. CIVIL INDEX, 1836--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Index to civil cases in circuit court, showing number of cause, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, numbers and pages of order and fee books, execution, and volume and page numbers. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 3. Clk. vt.

129. RECORD OF TRANSCRIPTS, 1894--. 1 vol.

Record of transcripts of court data on cases transferred from court to court, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, title of case, cause at issue, and history of original case, Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 1894-1900, Hdw.; 1900--, typed. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

130. JUSTICE (OF THE PEACE) TRANSCRIPT, 1884--. 2 file boxes.

Reports of cases appealed from justice of the peace courts to circuit court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause, date, fees and costs, and court judgments. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

Sanity Causes

131. INSANITY RECORD, 1897--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of commitments to insane asylum, showing name of person committed, sanity history, testimony of witnesses and physicians, order of commitment, and return of sheriff and order of discharge from custody. Indexed alph. by names of persons committed. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

132. INSANITY, 1842-1932. 5 file boxes.

Sanity inquest documents, showing date of filing petition, name, description of personal and family history, physician's report, alleged mental deficiency of suspect, vaccination and medical examinations, reports, and court order of commitment to institution. Indexed alph. by names of patients. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

133. APPLICATIONS OF EPILEPTICS, 1918--. 1 file box.

Epilepsy inquest documents, showing name of patient, personal and family history, physician's certificate, report of medical examiner, and decision of court. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

Civil Proceedings

Entry (see also entries 159-61)

134. ENTRY, ISSUE DOCKET, AND FEE BOOK, 1913--. 13 vols.

(16-28).

Record of entries of cases, issues, and fees in circuit court. Contains:

Entry, Issue Docket, and Fee Book, Civil, entry 135; Entry, Issue Docket, and Fee Book, Criminal, entry 159. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

135. ENTRY, ISSUE DOCKET, AND FEE BOOK, (CIVIL), 1913--.

In Entry, Issue Docket and Fee Book, entry 134.

Calendar record of cases booked for trial in civil court, showing date entered; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; case number; court proceedings; order book reference; and amount of fees, fines, and costs.

136. ENTRY DOCKET, 1850-90. 4 vols. (A-B, 3-4).

Entry of court cases. Contains: Entry Docket, Civil, entry 137; Entry Docket, Criminal, entry 160. Indexed by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. bsmt. vt.

137. ENTRY DOCKET, Civil, 1853-90. In Entry Docket, entry

136.

Record of civil cases filed for trial, showing number of cause, names of attorneys and litigants, cause at controversy, dates of issue and judgment, and remarks.

138. ISSUE DOCKET, 1853-1913. 15 vols. (2-15,A).

Record of issues in circuit court cases. Contains: Issue Docket, Civil, entry 139; Issue Docket, Criminal, entry 161. Arr. alpn. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 13 vols., 1853-1910, Clk. bsmt. vt.; 2 vols., 1911-12, Clk. vt.

139. ISSUE DOCKET, CIVIL, 1853-1913. In Issue Docket, entry

138.

Record of issues in civil cases tried in court, showing title of cause, date, cause at issue, names of attorneys and witnesses, action taken, and court proceedings.

140. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1928--. 4 vols.

Record of cases filed for hearings in circuit court. Contains: Clerk's Docket, Civil, entry 141; Clerk's Docket, Criminal, entry 162. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 14 x 3. Clk. vt.

141. CLERK'S DOCKET, CIVIL, 1928--. In Clerk's Docket,

entry 140.

Record of actions in civil cases, showing dates filed and disposed of, names of attorneys and parties to action, number of cause, number and page of order book, and minutes of court.

Trial (see also entries 162-63)

142. ORDER BOOK, 1832--. 46 vols. (1-46)

Record of judgments rendered in circuit court. Contains, Order Book, Civil, entry 143; Order Book, Criminal, entry 163; Arr. alpn. by names of plaintiffs. 1832-1911 hdw.; 1911--, typed. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

143. ORDER BOOK, 1832--. In Order Book, entry 142.

Record of all civil cases filed, showing court term, date, court proceedings, and judgment rendered.

Disposition (see also entries 164-65)

144. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1836--. 6 vols.

Condensed detailed record of all proceedings in cases filed and heard in circuit court. Contains: Judgment Docket, Criminal, entry 145; Judgment Docket, Civil, entry 164. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. vt.

145. JUDGMENT DOCKET, CIVIL, 1836--. In Judgment Docket, entry 144.

Condensed detailed record of all proceedings in civil cases filed and heard in circuit court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant; amount of judgment; date; number and page of order book; and receipts of clerk, judgment creditor, and attorney.

146. COMPLETE RECORD OF COURT CASES, 1853-1926. 10 vols.
(A-B,3-10).

Complete record of court cases. Contains: Complete Record, Civil, entry 147; Complete Record, Criminal, entry 165. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 1879-1911, hdw.; 1911-26, typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1853-79, Clk. bsmt. vt.; 6 vols., 1879-1926, Clk. vt.

147. COMPLETE RECORD, CIVIL, 1853-1926. In Complete Record of Court Cases, entry 146.

Complete record of all civil causes tried in circuit court, showing names of parties to action, cause, proceedings, orders, and final decree of court.

Executions (see also entries 186-87)

148. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1833--. 5 vols. (1,1,2,2,3).

Record of executions of court orders, showing date and kind of writ; names of trial judge, judgment debtor, and executing officer; amounts of judgment fees and costs; dates of service and execution; case number; and volume and page references to Order Book. Indexed alpn. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

149. PRAECIPE BOOK, 1898--. 2 vols.

Record of precipes issued by the court to clerk for writs of summons and subpoenas, showing date of writ, names of witnesses, plaintiff, defendant, and trial judge; cause number; nature of writ; and return made by process server. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 10 x 2. 1 vol., 1898-1918, Clk. bsmt. vt.; 1 vol., 1919--, Clk. off.

150. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1878--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of notices of impending suits involving property, showing date; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney; nature of cause; description of property involved; and amount of issue. Indexed alpn. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 3. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entry 148.

151. SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1857--. 5 vols. (A-E).

Record of sheriffs' certificates of sales to satisfy judgments, showing number of case, date filed, amounts of judgment and interest, names of plaintiff and defendant, and amount of sale. Indexed alph. by names of estates. 1857-1929, ndw.; 1929--, typed. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

152. REDEMPTION RECORD, 1879-1922. 1 vol.

Record of redemption of property and recall of sheriff's deed through settlement of claim, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of settlement, and clerk's signature. Arr. onron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

153. SUBPOENAS, 1933--. 2 vols.

Record of writs issued to order witnesses to suit to appear in court, showing date issued; names of plaintiff, defendant, witnesses, and attorneys; title and number of cause; and return made on writ. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 15 x 18 x 1. Clk. off.

154. SUMMONS, 1904--. 2 vols.

Record of court orders commanding witnesses to appear at trial, showing title of cause, cause at issue, name of witness, and dates of appearance and return. Arr. onron. Hdw. 200 pp. 15 x 18 x 1. Clk. off.

155. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1920--. 1 vol.

Record of money paid by court order for support of defendant; showing number of cause; date of court order; names of plaintiff, defendant, judgment debtor, and creditor; amount; payment period;

number and page in Judgment Docket; and total amounts received and disbursed by clerk. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

Criminal Causes

156. LEGAL PAPERS IN CRIMINAL CAUSES, 1832--. In Legal Papers of Court Cases, entry 126.

Legal papers of criminal cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; cause; proceedings; orders; decrees; nature of writ issued; executions; and returns.

157. INDEX TO STATE CASES, 1894--. 1 vol.

Index to state cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant; cause of action; cause number; and volume and page references to Fee Book, Order Book, Execution Docket, and Complete Record. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 3. Clk. vt.

Indictments

158. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1839--. 4 vols. (A-C,4).

Record of trials of persons indicted by grand jury, showing date of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; cause; offense; case number; and decree of court. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. 1839-1931, hdw.; 1932--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1839-69, Clk. bsmt. vt.; 3 vols., 1870--, Clk. vt.

Criminal Proceedings

Entry (see also entries 134-41)

159. ENTRY, ISSUE DOCKET, AND FEE BOOK, CRIMINAL, 1913--.

In Entry, Issue Docket, and Fee Book, entry 134.

Calendar record of cases tried in criminal court, showing date entered; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; case number; court proceedings; Order Book volume and page references; and amount of fees, fines, and forfeitures.

160. ENTRY DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1850-90. In Entry Docket, entry 136.

Record of criminal cases filed for trial, showing dates of entry and issuance of process; case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; and action taken.

161. ISSUE DOCKET CRIMINAL, 1853-1913. In Issue Docket, entry 136.

Record of issues in criminal court cases, showing date of trial; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; issues; pleadings; volume and page references to Order Book; and proceedings.

Trial (see also entries 142-43)

162. CLERK'S DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1928--. In Clerk's Bench Docket, entry 140.

Record of actions in criminal cases, showing dates filed and disposed of; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; cause

number; volume and page references to Order Book; and minutes of proceedings.

163. ORDER BOOK, CRIMINAL, 1832--. In Order Book, entry 142.

Record of orders issued in criminal cases, showing date of entry; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; cause; proceedings; writs issued; and judgment rendered.

Disposition (see also entries 144-47)

164. JUDGMENT DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1836--. In Judgment Docket, entry 144,

Condensed detailed record of all proceedings in criminal cases filed and heard in circuit court, showing date entered; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; case number; writs issued; and judgment rendered.

165. COMPLETE RECORD, CRIMINAL, 1853-1926. In Complete Record of Court Cases, entry 146,

Record of all criminal causes tried in circuit court, showing names of plaintiff, and defendant, cause number, proceedings, orders, and final decree of court.

Probate Causes

The probate court of LaGrange County was established in 1830, under a law of 1829, which placed probate matters in a separate court, consisting of one judge, elected by the voters of the

county for a term of seven years. It had original and exclusive jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; granting letters of administration; settlement of decedent's estates; appointment of guardians for minors and persons of unsound mind; and approval of bonds of guardians, administrators, and executors. (1)

The clerk of the circuit court acted as clerk of the probate court and was required to keep the records of the probate court separate from those of the circuit court. (2)

By an act of 1852 the legislature abolished the probate court (3) and created a court of common pleas for LaGrange County. The clerk of the circuit court acted as clerk of the court of common pleas. (4) The court of common pleas had original and exclusive jurisdiction of probate causes. (5)

The legislature in 1873 abolished the court of common pleas and transferred its jurisdiction to the circuit court, (6) and all the records of the court of common pleas were transferred to the circuit court. (7)

(1) Acts 1828-29, pt. 2, ch. 26, secs. 1-2, 5, 8.

(2) Ibid. sec. 3.

(3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 8, sec. 43.

(4) Ibid., secs. 1, 3, 25.

(5) Ibid., sec. 4.

(6) Acts 1873, ch. 29, secs. 21, 29-30.

(7) Ibid., sec. 81.

Estate Cases

166. LEGAL PAPERS IN PROBATE CAUSES, 1832--. 225 file

boxes.

Legal papers pertaining to probate cases, including writs, subpoenas, summons, brief court orders, and decisions; showing names of estate, heirs, administrator, and executor or guardian; nature of cause; date; and disposition by court. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. 11 boxes, 1832-40, Clk. bsmt.vt, 214 boxes, 1840-- , Clk. vt.

167. WILLS, 1844--. 5 file boxes.

Original wills filed for probate, showing date of execution; names of testator, . executor, . legatees, and witnesses; conditions; conveyances; legacies; bequests; and devices in recital. Arr. chron. 14 x 12. x 5. Clk. vt.

168. RECORD OF WILLS, 1842--. 6 vols. (A-F).

Record of last wills and testaments, showing date executed; names of testator, executor, and witnesses; conditions; conveyances; legacies; bequests; and devices recited. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. 1842-1912, hdw.; 1912-- , typed. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

For other will records, see entry 108, 119.

169. ADMINISTRATOR'S, EXECUTOR'S, AND GUARDIANSHIP'S REPORTS, 1871--. 22 vols. (1-22).

Reports to court of persons charged with management and closing of estates, showing file number, title of estate, inventory and value of property, payment of claims against estate, balance,

recapitulation, date, and seal. Indexed alpn. by titles of estates. 1871-1931, ndw.; 1931-- , typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 21 vols., 1871-1931, Clk. vt.; 1 vol., 1931-- , Clk. off.

170. INVENTORY RECORD, PROBATE COURT, 1836-- . 10 vols.

(A-J).

Record of inventories of estates, showing file number; title of estate; list and appraised value of tangible and intangible property; indebtedness; disbursements; and balance. Indexed alpn. by titles of estates. 1836-1928, ndw.; 1929-- , typed. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

171. NOTICE OF PETITION TO SELL REAL ESTATE, 1906-- . 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of administrators' petitions to sell real estate, snowing file number; issue; names of estate, heirs, and creditors; and date of execution. Arr. onron. Hdw. 130 pp. 18 x 15 x 1. Clk. off.

172. RECORD OF INHERITANCE TAX ORDERS, 1918-31. 1 vol.

Record of court orders pertaining to assessment of inheritance tax against estates; showing date; names of estate, heirs, and executor or administrator; total value of estate; indebtedness and net value; amount of heritage for each legatee; proportionate amount of tax; exemptions; and court orders. Indexed alpn. by titles of estates. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

For other inheritance tax records, see entry 120.

Probate Proceedings

173. ESTATE, ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, AND FEE

BOOK, (PROBATE), 1917--. 5 vols. (I-M).

Record of court proceedings in settlement of estates, showing date of action; names of decedent, legatees, executor, administrator, commissioner, appraiser, sureties, and claimants; value of estate; location and description of property involved; amount of inventory and division of residuary to legatees; sales of real and personal property; amount and number of sale bill; lists of claims filed, allowances made, and fees and costs attached; nature of claim; acceptance or denial of letters testamentary of administrator; final order of court; and disposition. Indexed alph. by titles of estates. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 16 x 3. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entries 174, 183.

174. GENERAL ENTRY ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1873-1916. 6 vols.

(1-6).

Record of claims filed against estates and allowances made by judge, showing cause number; names of estate, administrator, sureties, and claimants; dates of administrator's letters and final report; and amounts of bond, claim, and allowance. Arr. by file numbers. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

175. ORDER BOOK, (PROBATE), 1833--. 29 vols. (1-4, and 25 vols. not numbered).

Record of court orders in settlement of estates in probate, showing date of order; names of decedent, legatees, executor, administrator, and trustee; proceedings in action; general and final orders; term of court; and final action and discharge from probate. Indexed alph. by titles of estates or names of wards. 1833-1927, hdw.; 1928--, typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

Juvenile Causes

Juvenile Proceedings

176. JUVENILE COURT DOCKET, 1913--. 1 vol.

Record of cases involving minors, showing entry number; names of attorneys, juveniles, and parents, or guardians; proceedings; orders; and decree of court. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. vt.

177. JUVENILE ORDER BOOK, 1913--. 1 vol.

Record of court cases involving juveniles, showing date of trial; names of juvenile, parents, and of attorneys; proceedings; and judgment of court. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. and typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

178. BOARD OF CHILDRENS' GUARDIANS AND MISCELLANEOUS,

(AFFIDAVITS OF DELINQUENCY), 1930--. 1 file box.

Files of court documents in charges of contributing to delinquency

of juveniles, showing affidavit, names of plaintiff and defendant, warrant served by sheriff, and notice to attorney.

Arr. ohron. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

Miscellaneous Court Records

Change of Venue (see also entries 268-69)

179. CHANGE OF VENUE, 1887--. 1 vol.

Record of cases venued to and from local court, showing date of trial; names of plaintiff, defendant, witnesses; trial judge, and foreign court; costs of trial; cause of action; days spent in trial; and balance due from foreign county. Indexed alpn. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

Jury Papers

180. GRAND JURY REPORTS, 1913-33. 1 file box.

Reports of grand jury on condition and management of public institutions; food, housing, and care of inmates and prisoners; financial or other conditions of county offices; and conduct of officials; showing date, names of institution or parties involved; onarge; and result of investigation. No index. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

Appeal Opinions

181. NOTICES AND OPINIONS OF SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURTS,
1855-1932. 2 file boxes.

Certified copies of findings of higher courts in appeals from county court decisions, showing title of cause, opinion of upper court, and attest of clerk of higher court. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Clk. vt.

Fee and Cash Records

182. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1913--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of fees credited and held in trust by clerk, showing date collected; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; cause number; type of instrument processed; costs; book volume, and page number; and amounts disbursed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 5. Clk. vt.

183. FEE BOOK, (CIVIL), 1853-1912. 15 vols. (A, 2-15).

Record of fees collected in civil cases, showing date credited; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; cause number; amount of fees itemized; and total receipts and disbursements. Indexed alpn. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 2 vols. 1853-71, Clk. bsmt. vt.; 13 vols., 1871-1912, Clk. vt.

184. FEE BOOK (CRIMINAL CASES), 1887--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of fees credited in criminal cases, showing date of instrument; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; fees collected; costs itemized; and total receipts and disbursements.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. 2 vols., 1887-1921, bsmt. vt.; 1 vol., 1922--, Clk. vt.

185. FEE BOOK, (PROBATE), 1857-1916. 8 vols. (A-H).

Record of fees collected in administration of estates, showing date of instrument; names of estate, administrator, and sureties; amounts of fees; type of instrument; costs; and memoranda. Indexed alpn. by names of testators. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Clk. bsmt. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 173.

VI. SHERIFF

The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years. He must give a bond to insure the faithful performance of duty, and is required to take the usual oath of office. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of sheriff for more than four years in any period of six years. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of sheriff functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Lagrange County is 1832, the organization date of the county.

The sheriff is the conservator of peace within La Grange County. He is required to arrest without process all persons, who within his view commit any crime or misdemeanor, and hold them in custody during investigation of the cause of such arrest; to suppress all breaches of the peace, with authority to call to his aid the power of the county; to pursue and commit to jail all felons; to maintain and preserve order in the courts of the county except justice of the peace courts. He also maintains the jail and takes care of the prisoners confined in it. (4) It is his duty to protect persons in danger of possible lynchings. (5) He makes arrests of all persons on warrants issued upon indictments and affidavits, and commits them to jail, and also serves summons in cases of misdemeanor. (6)

As a court officer of Lagrange County he is required to make service of all process. (7) He sells mortgaged property on foreclosure proceedings; (8) executes deeds to real estate sold on

executions; (9) conveys persons committed to state charitable, correctional, or penal institutions; (10) and attends sessions and executes the orders of the county council (11) and the board of commissioners. (12)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2;
2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts
1937; Burns, 1937, suppl.,
49-2801. | (7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2803. |
| (2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (8) Acts 1881 (Spc. Sess.);
Burns 3-1819. |
| (3) Const. 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. | (9) Acts 1881 (Spc. Sess.);
Burns 2-4101. |
| (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2802. | (10) Acts 1905; Burns 9-2232. |
| (5) Acts 1905; Burns 10-3310. | (11) Acts 1899; Burns 26-510. |
| (6) Acts 1905; 1937; Burns,
1937 suppl., 9-1001. | (12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
26-611. |

Executions and Reports
(See also entries 148-55)

186. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1888--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of court orders executed by the sheriff, showing date; names of plaintiff, defendant, and judgment debtor; date and amount of judgment and costs; nature of writ; officer's return; and disposition. Indexed alph. by names of judgment debtors.

Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Shf. off.

187. SHERIFF'S DOCKET OF STATE CASES, 1853--. 8 vols. (1-7, 1).

Record of arrests in state cases, showing date, names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, nature of complaint, amount of bail, and date of trial. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw.

275 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. 7 vols., 1853-1923, 6lk. bsmt. vt.; 1 vol., 1923--., Shf. off.

188. RECOGNIZANCE BOND RECORD, 1931--. 1 file box.

Recognizance bonds given for release of prisoners until date of trial, showing date, names and addresses of defendant and bondsman, amount of bond, and nature of charge. Arr. chron. 15 x 10 x 5. Shf. off.

189. COMMITMENT, 1931--. 1 file box.

Commitment papers for prisoners in county jail or state farm, showing date; name, address, age, and record of prisoner; nature of offense; amount of fine; and date and term of commitment. Arr. chron. 15 x 10 x 5. Shf. off.

190. SUBPOENA, 1931--. 1 file box.

Order of court to witnesses for appearance in court, showing dates of issue and appearance; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; and sheriff's return. Arr. chron. 15 x 10 x 5. Shf. off.

191. ORDER OF SALE, 1931--. 1 file box.

Sheriff's certificate of sale, showing date; names of plaintiff and defendant; location and description of property; amounts of judgment, interest, and costs; value of property and chattels seized; and date of return. Arr. chron. 15 x 10 x 5. Shf. off.

For sheriff's deed records, see entry 104.

192. WARRANT, 1931--. 1 file box.

Warrants for the arrest of persons charged with offences, showing dates of warrant, bond, and appearance; names of accused and bondsman; amount of bond; sheriff's fee; and date of return. Arr. chron. 15 x 10 x 3. Shf. off.

193. SUMMONS, 1931--. 1 file box.

Original court writs issued to sheriff for service, showing date of appearance, name and address of party summoned, nature of cause, sheriff's fee, and date of return. Arr. chron. Hdw. ~~200 pp.~~ 15 x 10 x 5. Shf. off.

194. SHERIFF'S REGISTER OF ALLOWANCE, 1927--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of allowance for jury service, showing date, names and addresses of jurors, number of days served, mileage, amount of allowance, and date of payment. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Shf. off.

195. REGISTER OF JURORS, 1869-1927. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of jurors called and impanelled, showing date, name of juror, nature of cause, number of days served, mileage, and amount of fees. No index. Hdw. 450 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Shf. off.

196. JAIL REGISTER, 1874-1935. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of prisoners committed to jail, or released, showing dates remanded and discharged; name, age, sex, color, birthplace, and address of prisoner; nature of offence; dates admitted and released; number awaiting trial, serving sentence, or out on bail; amount of unpaid fines; number of days in jail; and amount of cost and fees attached to sentence. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Shf. off.

Fee and Cash Book

197. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1931--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing dates received and

disbursed, names of payer and payee, voucher and cause number, amount and nature of service, and source of receipts. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Shf. off.

198. REGISTER OF SHERIFF'S COST, 1924--. 2 vols. (5-6). Record of fees due sheriff for executing court orders, showing date, cause number, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of writs, and amount of fees. Arr. chron. Hdw. 160 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Shf. off.

199. FOREIGN FEE BOOK, 1914--. 2 vols. Record of fees due sheriff for execution of foreign writs, showing cause number; nature of writ; names of plaintiff, defendant, and court; dates of receipt and service; and amount of fees. Indexed alph. by names of persons processed. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Shf. off.

VII. CORONER

The coroner is a constitutional officer elected for two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He is required to post bond not exceeding five thousand dollars nor less than one thousand dollars. (2) The office was created before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in LaGrange County is 1832, the organization date of the county.

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of suspicious nature, and to determine the cause and manner of death. (4) He holds inquests without a jury, (5) and may subpoena witnesses and employ a physician to make a post-mortem examination, (6) draws up his verdict, (7) and files it with a report, giving a minute description of the deceased and valuables found upon him, with the clerk of the circuit court. (8) He is a peace officer with the same powers as the sheriff, (9) and acts as sheriff in event of absence, vacancy, personal interest, or incapacity of that officer, (10) and serves warrants on the sheriff if necessary. (11)

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| (1) Const. 1851, art. 6, sec. 2. | (7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49-2908. |
| (2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901. | (8) Ibid.; Burns 49-2909. |
| (3) Const. 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. | (9) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901. |
| (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 49-2904. | (10) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2902. |
| (5) Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49-2905. | (11) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2903. |
| (6) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2906. | |

200. CORONER'S INQUEST, 1880--. 2 file boxes.

Record of coroner's inquests, showing name, age, sex, color, and birthplace of deceased; dates of death and inquest; and verdict as to cause of death. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. C.C., Clk. off.

201. REPORT OF INQUEST (NATURAL DEATH), 1926--. 1 file box.

Reports of inquests resulting in verdict of death from natural cause, showing date of death; names of deceased, witnesses, and constable; age, sex, height; color of hair, eyes, and complexion, and nationality of deceased; and total fees collected. Arr. chron. 18 x 14 x 12. Cor. off.

202. REPORT OF INQUEST (ACCIDENTAL DEATH), 1926--.

1 file box.

Reports of inquests resulting in verdict of accidental death, showing name, age, color, sex, and birthplace of deceased; names of witnesses; and verdict as to cause of death. Arr. chron. 18 x 14 x 12. Cor. off.

203. INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH,

1926--. 1 file box.

Certificates of death, showing date; name, address, age, color, sex, occupation, and marital status of deceased; cause of death; names and dates of birth and death of parents; name of wife, if any; and signature of health officer. Arr. chron. Cor. off.

VIII. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney is a constitutional officer, (1) elected in each judicial circuit for a term of two years. (2) He is required to post bond to be approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed with the clerk. (3)

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of prosecutor existed by virtue of an act of 1831. A circuit prosecutor was chosen by a joint ballot of the senate and house of representatives. (4) The inception date of this office in LaGrange County is 1832, the organization date of the county.

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to inquire into the commission of any felony or misdemeanor received on information. (5) He appears before the grand jury to furnish information relative to matters cognizable by it or upon any legal matter, and signs all indictments found, but is excluded from its deliberations. (6) He conducts all prosecutions for felonies and misdemeanors in LaGrange County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, protects interests of all persons of unsound mind, and superintends on behalf of the county or any of its trust funds, all suits in which the same may be interested or involved. (7) He is also required to resist undefended actions for divorce. (8)

The prosecuting attorney may take acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments in writing, administer oaths, protest notes and

checks, take depositions of witnesses, and perform any duty now conferred on a notary public. (9)

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| (1) Const., art. 7, sec. 11. | (6) Acts 1905; Burns 9-826. |
| (2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501. | (7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2504. |
| (3) Ibid., Burns 49-2502. | (8) Acts 1873; Burns 5-1212. |
| (4) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 10, sec. 1. | (9) Acts 1919; Burns 49-2507. |
| (5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2503. | |

No records could be found.

IX. ASSESSOR

The office of assessor was created by an act of 1891. (1) This officer is elected for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms. He must be a continuous resident freenolder of Lagrange County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and post a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freenold sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. His work is under the direction of the state board of tax commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. (2)

The office of assessor existed in Lagrange County from 1841 to 1853 by virtue of an act of the legislature. (3) The inception date of the present office in Lagrange County is 1891.

The duties of the assessor are: To examine carefully the tax duplicates, to instruct and advise the township assessors, to review their returns, to assess omitted real and personal property, to report to the state board any delinquencies of township assessors, to examine public records, (4) to set a value upon intangibles for taxation, (5) and to appraise estates for inheritance taxes, (6) He is ex-officio member and president of the Lagrange County board of review. (7)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112. | (6) Acts 1919, 1921, Burns |
| (2) Acts 1919, 1921; Burns | 64-1101; Acts 1931, |
| 64-1101. | 1933; Burns 6-2408. |
| (3) Acts 1841, ch. 3, sec. 1. | (7) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. |
| (4) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102. | sess.); Burns 64-1201. |
| (5) Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, | |
| 1937 suppl., 64-905. | |

204. RECORD OF OMITTED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES THEREON;

1900--. 3 vols.

Record of taxes on personal property which have been omitted in assessment; showing name and address of taxpayer; township; rate and amount of tax; dates due and paid; and location and description of property. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1900-1918, attic stg. rm.; 2 vols., 1918--., Comr. rm.

205. RECORD OF UNCANCELED MORTGAGE JUDGMENTS, 1890--. 2

vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of uncanceled mortgage judgments, showing date of mortgage, names of mortgagee and mortgagor, volume and page numbers of record, amounts of mortgage and judgment; and whether guardian or administrator, tax title certificate, or assignment. Indexed alpn. by names of grantees. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Assr. off.

206. REPORTS BY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR, 1932--. 1 bundle.

Reports of assessments of township assessors, showing date, name of property owner, kind of personal property, rates, and total amount of taxes assessed. Arr. alpn. by names of townships. 18 x 12 x 3. Comr. rm.

207. RECORD OF ADDITIONS TO TAX DUPLICATES, 1898-1925.

1 vol.

Record of additions to tax duplicates, showing date, name of property owner, kind and value of property, date assessed, and record and page numbers. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 12 x 2. Comr. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 204.

X. BOARD OF REVIEW

By virtue of an act of 1919, Lagrange County has a board of review for the annual review of assessments and the equalization of the valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, and auditor, ex officio, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary of the board. (1)

Prior to 1891 the duty of equalizing tax assessments was performed by a board of equalization consisting of the commissioners with the addition of other members--in 1841 the auditor and the appraiser; (2) in 1881, four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (3) The law of 1891 superseded the latter act and created the board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor, and auditor. (4) The act of 1919 reestablished the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership. (5) The inception date of this board in Lagrange County is 1881.

The board of review holds an annual meeting in June of each year. A majority constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business and may decide any question. (6) At its meeting the auditor submits for examination the assessment list of the county returned by the township assessors, and the county assessor reports all corrections and changes which in his judgment ought to be made, upon which the board acts but it may take further action upon its own motion. (7)

It is the duty of the board to inquire as to the valuation of property in the townships or any taxing unit, to make such changes as may be necessary, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted, in order to make an equitable equalization of valuation throughout the county. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. (8)

The board also adjusts inequalities in the valuation of particular tracts or lots, corrects errors in the description and assessment of property, and passes upon each valuation in the township assessors' lists upon cause being shown or on its own motion. It hears complaints of owners of personal property. It makes a general review of assessment lists to discover omitted property and determines its assessment. (9) It assesses the capital stock and franchises of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies. (10)

The auditor, as secretary, is required to keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the board. The changes made by the board are entered in a separate column in the assessment lists. (11)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.);
Burns 64-1201. | (6) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.);
Burns 64-1201. |
| (2) Acts 1841, ch. 1, sec. 13;
1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 6,
sec. 58. | (7) Ibid. |
| (3) Acts 1881, ch. 96, sec. 129. | (8) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205. |
| (4) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114. | (9) Ibid. |
| (5) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.);
Burns 64-1201. | (10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-724. |
| | (11) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.);
Burns 64-1201. |

208. BOARD OF REVIEW (MINUTES), 1891--. 3 vols. (1-2, and
1 vol. not numbered).

Minutes of board of review meetings, showing date, place of meeting,
names of members present, nature and number of cases reviewed,
and disposition. Arr. chron. 1891-1907, hndw.; 1907--, typed.
300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

209. BOARD OF REVIEW (APPOINTMENTS), 1891--. 1 file box.
Appointments to board ^{of} circuit court, showing date, and names,
address, qualifications, and tenure of office, of appointees.
Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

XI. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

The board of tax adjustment of Lagrange County was established by the legislature in 1932 and consists of seven members.

By the act of 1933 the members of the board were one member of the county council, selected by the council, and six members appointed by the judge of the circuit court, with specific qualifications: One township trustee, one mayor of a city or president of the board of trustees of an incorporated town in the county, one member of a school board of a school municipality in the county, and three resident freeholders of the county. (1) By an act of 1937 the qualifications of the membership of the board were changed. One is a member of the county council, chosen by the council; one is a member of the board of trustees of the largest incorporated town in the county, selected by such board; one member is a member of the county board of education selected by such board; and four freeholders of the county appointed by the judge of the circuit court. No more than four members of such adjustment board can be members of the same political party. The members serve without compensation and the appointments are made annually. The auditor acts as clerk of the board and keeps a complete record of its proceedings, but has no vote. (2)

The auditor lays before the board at its meeting in September each year, the budgets adopted and the tax levies and rates fixed by the proper authorities of each municipal corporation for the ensuing year. (3)

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, to revise, to change, or to reduce, but not to increase, any tax levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and to apportion the total of all the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. The board has the right to require such officials to attend its meetings or to furnish any necessary information, and may employ an examiner of the state board of accounts for assistance. (4)

The records of this office are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.

(3) Ibid.

(2) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937
suppl., 64-310.

(4) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937
suppl., 64-310, 64-311.

210. TOWNSHIP ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

BOARD, 1935--. 1 file box.

Additional appropriations allotted to townships at meetings of the board, showing date, names of members present, additional appropriations granted, and final disposal of county matters.

Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

XII. . BOARD OF FINANCE

The board of commissioners of Lagrange County constitutes the board of finance, (1) and may sue and be sued in any court having jurisdiction. (2) It was first created by an act of 1907, (3) and later re-created by the Depository Acts of 1935 and 1937. (4)

The board of finance has supervision of all public funds of the county and of the safekeeping and deposit thereof. (5) It designates the banks to serve as depositories for county funds. (6) The board receives monthly statements of county funds on deposit from the banks, (7) and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository at any time. (8)

The board of finance holds an annual meeting on the third Monday in January for its organization, (9) a biennial meeting on the third Monday in February, in the odd numbered years for the consideration of proposals as depositories for the ensuing two-year period, (10) and a joint meeting, within five days of the date fixed for filing the proposals, with the agents of all boards of finance -- city, town, school, and township -- and all banks desiring to become depositories. (11)

The auditor is the secretary of the board and keeps a record of its proceedings. (12) All the records of the board prior to 1937 were transferred to the new board in 1937. (13)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937
suppl., 61-629.

(2) Ibid.; 61-633.

(3) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.

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| (4) Acts 1935, ch. 70, sec. 37;
Acts 1937; Burns, 1937
suppl., 61-629, 61-658. | (8) Ibid.; 61-636.
(9) Ibid.; 61-633.
(10) Ibid.; 61-636. |
| (5) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937
suppl., 61-629. | (11) Ibid.; 61-635.
(12) Ibid.; 61-629, 61-635. |
| (6) Ibid.; 61-635. | (13) Ibid.; 61-658. |
| (7) Ibid.; 61-638. | |

211. RECORD COUNTY BOARD OF FINANCE, 1907--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of board meetings for selection of depositories for public funds, showing date, names of depositories bidding, and sureties, number and amount of surety bonds provided, and rate of interest on funds. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

212. PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES' PROPOSALS, BONDS, 1908-26.

1 file box.

Proposals for public depositories, showing date and number of bond, names of depository and sureties, addresses of bidders, and amount of bond. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

XIII. SCHOOL FUND BOARD

Loans from the school funds were made by the auditor under an act of 1865 until 1935 when the school fund board was created. It consists of three members: The auditor and the clerk ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term. The ex-officio members serve without compensation and the appointed member receives two dollars for each loan made. (1)

The duty of this board is to make all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real estate, such loans to be secured by mortgage. The board must satisfy itself, after approval of the title by the county attorney, as to the value of real estate offered in the mortgage, the validity of the title, and whether it is encumbered. (2)

Loans may also be made to the county upon proper authorization by the county council, for a period not exceeding five years. (3)

The records are located in the auditor's office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1865, 1935; Burns
1937 suppl., 28-209.

(2) Ibid.

(3) Acts 1901; Burns 28-202.

213. (APPLICATION FOR LOANS), 1935--. 1 file box.

Applications for school fund loans, showing date, name of applicant, location and description of property, assessed valuation, amount of loan, and approval of bond. Arr. chron. 18 x 14 x 12.

For other school fund records, see entries 116, 339-53.

XIV. TREASURER

The treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years. No person is eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. (1) He is required to execute his official bond in the penalty of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of treasurer was established by the legislature; an act of 1817 provided for his appointment by the board of commissioners; (3) an act of 1841 made it an elective office. (4) The inception date of this office in Lagrange County is 1832, the organization date of the county.

The treasurer receives all moneys coming to Lagrange County and disburses the same on the proper orders issued and attested by the auditor. (5) He collects all taxes for state, county, school, road, or other purposes (6) due the county on the tax duplicate, (7) delivered to him by the auditor, (8) including city taxes. (9) He sells by public auction, real estate (10) and personal property (11) for delinquent taxes. He also collects taxes from corporations in the county; (12) and the excise tax on shares of stock and deposits of banks (13) and loan associations (14) and sells intangible tax stamps for the state board of tax commissioners. (15)

The treasurer makes quarterly reports to the board of commissioners, showing the true amount of money in the county

treasury; (16) a monthly report to the auditor, showing the total amount of cash payments received during the month and the respective accounts credited, (17) an annual settlement for taxes with the county auditor (18) and pays to the state treasurer in June all money due to the state; (19) and additional payments to the state treasurer in December each year (20) and as otherwise directed. (21) He makes to the auditor, a quarterly and at the expiration of his term of office, a sworn report showing specifically the amount of fees collected, (22) and deposits quarterly with the auditor all orders redeemed. (23) The treasurer is a member of the county board of review. (24)

He is required to keep his books by separate accounts for separate funds or specific appropriations as well as by one general account. (25)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (15) Ibid., 64-927. |
| (2) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1865, 1919; Burns 49-3101. | (16) Acts 1895, 1903, 1913; Burns 49-1403. |
| (3) Acts 1816-17, ch. 17, secs. 1-2. | (17) Acts 1919; Burns 64-2101. |
| (4) Acts 1841, ch. 4, sec. 1. | (18) Ibid., 64-2501. |
| (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3103, 49-3111. | (19) Ibid., 64-2503. |
| (6) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1501. | (20) Ibid., 64-2504. |
| (7) Ibid., 64-1502. | (21) Acts 1859, 1861; Burns 49-1813. |
| (8) Ibid., 64-1408. | (22) Acts 1895, 1903, 1913; Burns 49-1402. |
| (9) Acts 1933; Burns 48-1219. | (23) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3114. |
| (10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1516. | (24) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201. |
| (11) Ibid., 64-1705. | (25) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3109. |
| (12) Ibid., 64-1801. | |
| (13) Acts 1933; Burns 64-804. | |
| (14) Ibid., 64-827. | |

Tax Collections

Real and Personal Property

214. TAX DUPLICATES, 1845--. 213 vols. Numbering varies. Record of tax assessments, collections, and delinquencies; showing name and address of taxpayer; assessed value of real and personal property and improvements; tax rate; amounts of current and delinquent tax; exemptions; and net amount due. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 32 x 18 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 152 vols., 1845-1920, Tr. bsmt. vt.; 61 vols., 1921--, Tr. vt.

215. REGISTER OF TAXES COLLECTED, 1925--. 7 vols. Record of tax collections, showing date; name of township or corporation; duplicate number; amount of current, delinquent, insolvent, and special assessment tax; cost of advertising; exemption; interest; and net total. Arr. alph. by names of taxing units, thereunder chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 2 vols., 1925-28, Tr. bsmt. vt.; 5 vols., 1929--, Tr. vt.

216. TAX RECEIPTS, 1865-1923, 516 vols. Record of paid tax receipts, showing date; receipt number; name of taxpayer; location, description, and value of property; and amounts of poll, interest, penalty, exemption, and total costs. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 28 x 18 x 3. 1923-30, Tr. bsmt. vt.; 1931--, Tr. vt.

217. DELINQUENT AND CURRENT TAX RECEIPTS, (Paid), 1923--.
17 boxes.

Delinquent and current tax receipts, showing date; name of taxpayer; duplicate number; location, description, and value of property; amounts of current and delinquent real, personal, and poll

taxes; interest; penalty; cost; amount of exemption; and net total. Arr. chron. 30 x 9 x 6. 10 boxes, 1923-30, Tr. bsmt. vt.; 7 boxes, 1931--, Tr. off. vt.

Delinquent

218. DELINQUENT LISTS, 1842-76. 64 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes, showing date; name of taxpayer; location, description, and value of property; amount and interest of delinquent tax; penalty; and total delinquency. Indexed alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 214.

219. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1848-76. 2 vols..

Record of delinquent taxes on land and lots, showing date; name of taxpayer; location, description, and assessed value of property and improvements; amounts of poll, delinquent and current taxes, interest, and penalty; cost of advertising; and total amount due. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. bsmt. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 214.

220. RECORD OF INSOLVENT TAXES, 1902--. 2 vols. (2, 12).

Record of insolvent taxes, showing date; duplicate number; name of taxpayer; location, description, and value of property; amount of real, personal, and poll tax; and total amount due. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1902-30, Aud. bsmt. vt.; 1 vol., 1931--, Aud. off.

221. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS, 1845-1902. 58 vols.

Stub record of receipts given in payment of delinquent taxes, showing date, duplicate number, name of taxpayer, location of property, amounts of interest and penalty, and total amount due.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 50 pp. $10 \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 223.

222. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS, (Not Paid), 1931--.

416 pigeon holes. (A-Z).

Delinquent tax statements, showing date; name of taxpayer; location, description, and value of property; amounts of interest, penalty, and exemption; and total amount unpaid. Indexed alph.

by names of taxpayers. $10 \times 6 \times 2$. Tr. vt.

223. COLLECTION REGISTER OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1902-13.

12 vols.

Delinquent tax receipt stubs, showing date of payment; duplicate number; name of taxpayer; location, description, and value of property; amount of real, personal, poll, and dog taxes; penalty and interest; and total amount paid. No index. Hdw.

100 pp. $10 \times 6 \times \frac{1}{4}$. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For prior records, see entry 221; for subsequent records, see entry 216.

224. ABSTRACT OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1935. 1 vol.

Abstracts of delinquent taxes, showing date; name of taxing unit; duplicate number; location, description, and value of property; amounts of interest and penalty; and total delinquency.

No index. Hdw. 150 pp. $20 \times 14 \times 1$. Tr. vt.

225. WORK SHEETS, 1931. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of delinquent tax certificates, showing date and amount of certificate, duplicate number, penalty, and total delinquency.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 10 x 12 x 4. Tr. vt.

Public Improvements

226. DITCH TAX DUPLICATE, 1903--. 2 vols.

Record of assessments for construction, repairs, and maintenance of ditches; showing date; name of landowner; name, description, and location of ditch; cost of construction or repair; amount assessed; and total amount due. Arr. chron.

Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 14 x 1. Tr. off. vt.

227. DITCH RECEIPTS, 1880--. 9 vols.

Record of ditch tax receipts, showing date and number of receipt; names of landowner and ditch; amounts of tax, interest, and penalty; and total amount due. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 7 vols., 1880-1916, Tr. bsmt. vt.; 2 vols., 1916--., Tr. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

228. DAILY BALANCE BOOK, 1908--. 29 vols.

Record of daily cash balances, showing date, amounts of current and delinquent tax receipts, amounts deposited and withdrawn, names of depositories, previous cash balance, and balance at end of day. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 19 vols., 1908-25, Tr. bsmt. vt.; 10 vols., 1926--., Tr. vt.

229. MONTHLY BALANCE RECORD, 1912--. 4 vols.

Record of monthly cash balance, showing date; total receipts and disbursements; names of payer, payee, and depository; kind of fund; number of transfers; amounts of withdrawals and overdrafts; cash on hand at beginning of day; and cash on hand at end of month. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 3 vols., 1912-29, Tr. bsmt. vt.; 1 vol., 1930--, Tr. vt.

230. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1890-1926. 4 vols.

Record of receipts, showing date; name of payer; number, amount and purpose of order; and amount and account charged. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For prior records, see entry 233; for subsequent records, see entry 231.

231. TREASURER LEDGER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1927--.
3 vols.

Records of receipts and disbursements, showing date; receipt and warrant numbers; names of payer, payee, and fund charged; amount and source of revenue; amount of overdraft; and balance. Arr. alph. by names of county officers. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Tr. vt.

For prior records, see entries 230 and 232.

232. REGISTER OF EXPENDITURES, 1890-1926. 6 vols.

Title varies: Disbursement Record.

Record of expenditures and disbursements, showing date, name of payee, amount and name of fund credited, and warrant and order numbers. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 26 x 18 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entries 231 and 233.

233. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, 1882-90.

1 vol. (3).

Register of receipts and expenditures of county funds, showing date, warrant or receipt number, name of payer or payee, and purpose and fund credited or debited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entries 231 and 232.

234. TREASURER'S LEDGER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS,
1865-81. 3 vols.

Ledger of accounts of county funds, showing date, receipt or warrant number, name of payer or payee, and amount and fund debited or credited. Indexed alph. by names of officers.

Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entries 233 and 236.

235. REGISTER OF WARRANTS BY DEPOSITORIES, 1913--.

6 vols. Title varies: Register of Warrant and
Depository Balance.

Record of warrants on county depositories against various county funds, showing date and number of warrant; name of payee, fund, and depository; and purpose and amount of fund. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 15 x 3. Tr. vt.

236. LEDGER (County Funds), 1841-65. 1 vol.

Record of balances in various county funds, showing date, amounts received and disbursed, name of fund, and balance.

Arr. chron. Hdw. Condition fair. 200 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 231.

237. VOUCHERS, 1934--. 33 bundles.

Canceled checks for county expenditures, showing date; check and appropriation numbers; amount and purpose of appropriation; and names of payer, depository, and account. Arr. by check numbers.
11 x 4 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. vt.

XV. AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. No person can hold the office for more than eight years in any period of twelve. (1) He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars approved by and filed with the county commissioners. (2)

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office was established by the legislature of 1841. (3)

The auditor's office is the center of county financial administration, and here the financial records of county business are preserved.

The auditor's principal functions are fourfold: As a county "controller", he keeps the accounts of the county and issues warrants for all claims, including those approved by the commissioners. (4) Ex officio he acts as clerk to the board of commissioners, (5) the county council, (6) and the board of tax adjustment, (7) and as secretary to the board of finance. (8) He is also a member and the secretary of the board of review, (9) and a member of the school fund board. (10) As a tax officer, he prepares the official tax duplicates, (11) certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks; (12) and, if the board of tax adjustment fails to complete its duties on time or to reduce the rate to the legal maximum, fixes the tax rate within any municipal corporation in the county. (13) As budget officer he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency; keeps them on file for one month, subject

to inspection by any taxpayer; and submits them with his recommendations to the county council at its annual meeting. (14)

Other routine duties are: Managing the common school and the congressional township school funds as a member of the school fund board, (15) preparing the ditch duplicate covering assessments for construction or repair of ditches and drains; (16) issuing licenses to peddlers, shows, and theatres, (17) and permits for public warehouses; (18) acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; (19) and approving bonds of township trustees. (20)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (11) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1403. |
| (2) Acts 1899; Burns 49-3003. | (12) Acts 1933; Burns 64-810. |
| (3) Acts 1841 (25th Sess.);
ch. 2, sec. 1. | (13) Acts 1938; Burns, 1937,
suppl., 64-314. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-3005; Acts 1897;
Burns 26-806. | (14) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520. |
| (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-3004. | (15) Acts 1865; Burns 28-104.
Acts 1865, 1935; Burns,
1937 suppl., 28-209. |
| (6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-509. | (16) Acts 1933; Burns 27-134. |
| (7) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937
suppl., 64-310. | (17) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
42-204. |
| (8) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937
suppl., 61-620, 61-635. | (18) Acts 1875, 1879 (Spec.
Sess.); Burns 67-201. |
| (9) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.);
Burns 64-1201. | (19) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-3011. |
| (10) Acts 1865, 1935; Burns,
1937 suppl., 28-209. | (20) Acts 1915; Burns 65-103. |

Audits and Reports

238. REPORT OF BOARD OF ACCOUNTS, 1917--. 1 file box.

Report sheets of field examiners after auditing records for State Board of Accounts; showing detailed statement of financial condition of each county office, date of audit, and examiner's signature. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Clk. vt.

239. CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1887--. 6 vols.

Titles varies: Distribution Record.

Record of distribution of taxes to the various county funds on warrants issued by auditor, showing date and number of warrant, names of fund and official, source of revenue, itemized statement of amount distributed, and total. Arr. chron. Hdw. 460 pp. 13 x 8 x 2. 3 vols., 1887-1911, 1925--, Aud. vt.; 3 vols., 1911-25, Aud. bsmt. vt.

240. REGISTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES, 1869--. 4 vols.

(1-3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of distribution of taxes, to taxing units, showing date, names of fund and taxing unit, amounts apportioned, number of warrant, and total amount distributed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1869-79, Aud. bsmt. vt.; 3 vols., 1880--, Aud. vt.

241. REGISTER OF SALES, SCHOOL SECTIONS, 1837-68. 1 vol.

Record of sales of school lands in township, showing date of sale, number of certificate, name of purchaser, description and location of land sold, acreage and price, amount paid, balance due, and endorsement. Arr. by certificate numbers. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

242. STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS COLLECTED, 1915--. 3 file boxes,

Reports of costs of examinations of county offices by examiners of the state board of accounts, showing date of examination, names of office and official, itemized statement of expense of the examination including salaries, transportation and sustenance, and

miscellaneous items of costs, lists of accounts, funds, appropriations audited, and remarks. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

243. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REQUISITIONS, 1935--. 1 vol. Record of supervisors' requisitions for materials and supplies, showing name of department, items wanted, quantity and price per unit, date of delivery, and approval. Arr. chron. Hdw.. 70 pp. 14 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

244. STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION PAPERS, 1925--. 1 file box. Specifications for a uniform danger sign for railway and interurban crossings, showing dimensions, color, and wording as approved by state highway commission. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

245. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, (INVENTORIES), 1924--. 2 file boxes. Inventory lists of equipment owned by highway department, showing article, date of purchase, condition, original cost and present value, and date of report. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

246. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, (INSURANCE), 1924--. 2 file boxes. Insurance policies covering property of highway department, showing names of company and highway department, description of property, amount of insurance and premium, and dates of policy and expiration. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 4. Aud. vt.

247. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S DELIVERY ORDER, 1935--. 1 vol. Record of delivery of supplies purchased, showing order number, date, vendor's name and address, mode and place of delivery, description, quantity, price of materials, and supervisor's signature. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 8 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

248. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER, 1935--.

1 vol.

Record of emergency purchase orders, showing order number, date, name and address of vendor, place of delivery, description, quantity and price of materials, and supervisor's signature.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 10 x 8 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

249. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL REPORTS, 1914--. 1

file box.

County Superintendent of Schools Reports. Contains: School Superintendent's Salary and Bond, entry 250; School Superintendent's Report to Indiana School Book Company, entry 251. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

250. (SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY AND BOND), 1914--.

In County Superintendent of Schools Reports, entry 249.

Petition of superintendent for salary increase, showing date, present salary, petition, amount desired, and certificate from board of education, stating salary of superintendent. Bond of superintendent, showing date, name of superintendent, amount and conditions of bond, names of sureties, and signatures.

251. (SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO INDIANA SCHOOL BOOK CO.), 1914--. In County Superintendent of Schools Reports, entry 249.

Report of superintendent of schools to Indiana School Book Co., showing number of text books received, sold, and on hand; amount of cash received from sales; balance due; and signature of superintendent.

252. REQUISITION FOR SUPPLIES, 1923--. 2 file boxes.

Auditor's requisitions for books, station^{ery}, printing, and general office supplies; showing number of requisition, date, amount and description of items, and name of office requisitioning. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

253. INTANGIBLE STAMP TAX SALES, 1933--. 1 file box.

Treasurer's reports of sales of intangible tax stamps, showing amount on hand originally; amount received and sold; balance; itemization of denomination; value of stamps received, sold, and on hand. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

254. INTANGIBLE STAMP TAX REPORTS, 1933--. 1 file box.

Reports of intangible tax stamps, showing requests to exchange unused stamps for stamps of different denominations, amount of stamps to be exchanged, and title and address of requisitioning office. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

255. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, (Monthly Report), 1934~~0~~--. 1 file box.

Prosecutor's monthly report of fees collected, showing date, cause, title and number of court, kind and amount of fees, and total amount collected. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

256. AFFIDAVIT, OWNERSHIP, 1926--. 1 file box.

Affidavits substantiating claims of title to inherited real estate, showing name of claimant, title of estate, date of death of former owner, description and location of real estate claimed, and affidavit of claimant. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

257. REPORT OF ELECTION OF ROAD SUPERVISOR, 1905--.

1 file box.

Certificates from election board, certifying to the election of road supervisor, showing date of election, road district, township, term of office, and name of successful candidate. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

258. JUSTICE OF PEACE, (Reports), 1893--. 1 file box.

Semi-annual reports of the township justices of peace, showing amount of fines and fees collected, and forfeitures. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

259. INSANITY CERTIFICATES, 1922--. 1 file box.

Certificates of the costs of sustenance of persons declared insane prior to commitment to asylum, showing date, names of patient, and official in custody, expenses itemized, and fees attached. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

260. LONG HOSPITAL, 1917--. 1 file box.

Certificates from township trustees, certifying to the indigence of persons desiring free admission to Long Hospital at Indianapolis, showing name of patient, length of residence in township, citizenship attest, record of case, and signature of trustee. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

261. BANK STATEMENTS, 1875--. 2 file boxes.

Monthly bank statements, showing name and address of bank, capital stock, surplus, undivided profits, deposits, tax report, total deposits, and attests of bank official and notary. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

262. PUBLIC DEPOSITORY STATEMENTS, 1925--. 1 file box.

Monthly depository statements, showing date, names of bank and cashier, daily balances, balance at beginning of month, dates and amounts deposited and withdrawn, balance at end of month, and interest due on amounts above minimum balance. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

263. NOTICE OF VOTING PLACES, 1928--. 1 file box.

Proofs of publication of voting places, showing names of newspaper and owner, number and dates of insertions, number of lines and cost per line, total cost of insertions, and newspaper clippings. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

264. REGISTRATION BOARD, 1914-22. 1 file box.

Certificates of registration inspectors, and affidavits of clerk for approval of registration books; showing date, name and address, political affiliation, affidavit of inspector, and signatures of clerk and auditor. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

265. STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND HEALTH, 1899--. 1 file box.

Auditor's report to state board of health and charities, showing inventory and valuation of public institutions, acreage and value, quantity and kind of live stock, garden products, equipment and supplies, total value, receipts and disbursements, and balance. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

266. SHERIFF'S MILEAGE, 1915--. 1 file box.

Sheriff's report of fees collected, showing date, kind of fee, nature of service, mileage costs, service and sales fees, and total. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

267. RECORDER'S REPORTS, 1934--. 1 file box.

Recorder's monthly report of fees collected, showing date, kind of instrument recorded or released, miscellaneous receipts, and total collections. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

268. CHANGE OF VENUE, 1884--. 1 file box.

Claim sheets from foreign counties for fees and costs incurred in court cases venued from Lagrange county; showing names of plaintiff and defendant; county, titles of cause, and court; order book and page, dates of trial and proceedings, amounts of jury expense, fees and costs, and total. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

For other venue records, see entries, 179, 269.

269. VENUE RECORD, 1863-1904. 1 vol.

Record of costs in cases venued to or from other courts, showing date, foreign and local courts of jurisdiction, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, and costs. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 14 x 1. Aud. vt.

For other venue records, see entries 179, 268.

270. OFFICERS' QUARTERLY REPORT, 1914--. 1 file box.

Quarterly reports from all county officers having collected fees and costs, showing date; volume and page number of fee book; name of payer; nature of service; amount paid or unpaid, and reason for delinquency. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

271. CIRCUIT COURT ALLOWANCES, 1890--. 2 file boxes.

Reports on circuit court allowances, showing date; names of court,

claimant, and payer; nature of allowance; and amount ordered paid.

Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

272. DOMESTIC CORPORATION STATEMENTS, 1935--. 2 file boxes.

Financial reports filed by domestic corporations, showing value of stocks and bonds; accounts receivable; valuation of goods, materials, supplies, fixtures, furniture and machinery, equipment, property, and grand total as valued by owners and county assessor. No index. 4 x 5 x 14. Comr. rm.

273. REPORT OF TRUSTEE'S DOG FUND, 1913--. 2 file boxes.

Trustee's report on condition of dog fund, showing date; amounts received and disbursed; names of payer and payee; purpose; total receipts and disbursements, and balance. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

274. DOG REGISTER, 1891-99. 1 vol.

Record of all dogs in county, showing date; name of owner; sex, color, breed of dog; and amount of tax. Arr. chron. Hdw.

175 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

275. RECORD OF DOG TAX, March-June 1927. 1 vol.

Record of dog taxes received, showing township; name and address of dog owner; breed, sex and color of dog; and number of assessor's receipt. No index, Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

276. RECORD OF ALLOWANCES, 1874-1910. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of claims allowed by county commissioners, showing date, name of claimant, basis of claim, title of fund, volume and page numbers of commissioners' record, date and amount of allowances,

order number, and remarks. ^{Hdw.} 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1874-91, Aud. bsmt. vt.; 4 vols., 1891-1910, Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 57.

277. REGISTER OF STATIONER, 1868-89. 1 vol.

Record of stationary and books purchased for county offices, showing date of order, name of vondor, amount and kind of articles bought, oost, and date of delivery. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Aud. bsmt. vt.

278. (PROOF OF PUBLICATION) 1903-5. 1 vol.

Collection of newspaper clippings, showing publication of allowances made by commissioners to various county officers and departments, and delinquent tax lists. Arr. chron. Printed. 60 pp. 20 x 14 x 1. Aud. vt.

279. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1862-1917. 1 vol.

Entry books of miscellaneous records including Purdue University appointments by soholarship, applications for position of sealer of weights and measures, mileage claimed by township trustees, and soldiers' licenses; showing date, name of principal, and kind of instruments. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. off.

280. RAILROAD, (ELECTIONS), 1882-1908. 7 file boxes.

Tabulation sheets showing results of elections in grants of rights of way for railway and interurban companies and for subsidies to be raised by special property assessments in the county as contribution of county to costs of the road building. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

281. ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES, 1900-1933. 3 file boxes.

Budget requests of all county departments for the ensuing year, showing number and title of fund, items of expense, itemized in detail, and grand total. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

282. FARM BUREAU AND FARMERS INSTITUTE, (Annual Reports),
1916--. 1 file box.

Report sheets of no-profit co-operative associations, showing principal office, names and addresses of officers, assets and liabilities, net value, and signatures of president and secretary, date, and seal of corporation. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

283. FARM BUREAU AND FARMERS' INSTITUTE, (Expense Report),
1916--. 1 file box.

List of farmers' institute expenditures, showing name and address of payee, amount and purpose of expenditure, total amount, and date of approval. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

284. MILEAGE REPORTS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, 1901-31. 1 file
box.

← Annual reports of public utility companies, showing wire, track, or pipe line mileage in townships of the county, and attest of company officials. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

285. WEED TAX CERTIFICATE, 1915-16. 1 file box.

Certificates showing money expended in removing weeds from public highways and drains, showing number of hours of labor, rate per hour, total cost, and signature of road supervisor. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

286. DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES, 1927-28. 1 file
box.

Statements showing name and address of domestic corporation, assessor's return, assets and liabilities, including real and personal property, and affidavits of officers. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

287. JURY CERTIFICATES, 1895-1910. 1 file box.

Circuit court allowance certificates, showing court term and date, name of juror, days served, mileage, and total allowance. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

288. MORTGAGE TAX REFUND CLAIMS, 1933. 1 file box.

Tax refund claim certificates, showing numbers of claim and warrants; name of claimant; amount and date of allowance; affidavit of claimant, and signature of auditor. Arr. by claim numbers. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

289. MISCELLANEOUS, (Soldiers' Registrations), 1914. 1 file box.

Register of Lagrange County residents enlisted for military service in U. S. Army, showing name, age, and address of soldier; date of enlistment; and designation of military unit to which assigned. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

290. MONTHLY BALANCE RECORD, 1912--. 3 vols.

Record of monthly balances in special funds of the county, showing date; names of fund, account, or appropriation; source of revenue and amount disbursed; warrants drawn against funds for county expenses; warrant amount and number; and balance in each fund. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 15 x 1. Aud. vt.

291. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1910--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of fees and cash received by auditor and turned over to

treasurer, showing date, name of payer, kind of fee, total collected, and date and amount of payment to treasurer. Arr. chron.

250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entries 292, 293.

292. REGISTER OF FEES, 1894-1910. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of fees received by auditor and paid over to treasurer, showing date, name of payer, kind of fee, total collected, and date and amount paid to treasurer. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp.

18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 291.

293. CASH BOOK, 1881-1924. 26 vols.

Record of cash received by auditor and turned over to treasurer, showing date, name of payer, title of fund, amount, and total.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. bsmt. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 291.

294. LEDGER OF RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1926--. 5 vols.

Record of receipts, appropriations, and disbursements; showing date and number of receipt; date, number, and amount of warrant; source of receipt; purpose of disbursement; names of payer, payee, appropriation, and fund; overdraft and balance. Arr. chron.

Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Aud. vt.

295. APPLICATION TO PAY AND QUIETUS, 1925--. 4 vols.

Record of applications to pay indebtedness to county, and auditor's quietus for such payments, showing date, name of payer,

purpose, date, and amount of payment, warrant number, and auditor's signature. Arr. chron. Hdw. 1000 pp. 16 x 12 x 6. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 305.

296. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, (Miscellaneous), 1911-25. 1 vol.
Record of all receipts other than tax funds, showing date, number of receipt or quietus, name of payer, title of account, purpose of payment, and amount. Arr. by receipt numbers. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 295.

297. COUNTY ORDERS, 1841-1919. 56 vols.
Record of orders issued by auditor on the treasurer, showing date, serial number, name of payee, nature of claim, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 8 x 12 x 1. Aud. bsmt. vt.

298. REGISTER OF ORDER, 1841-69. 4 vols.
Record of auditor's warrants, drawn on treasurer, showing date, serial number, name of payee, nature of claim, and amount of order. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. bsmt. vt.

299. AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF RECEIPTS OF THE TREASURER, 1841-64. 1 vol.
Record of treasurer's receipts submitted for auditing, showing date, serial number of receipt, name of payer, title of account, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 15 x 12 x 2. Aud. bsmt. vt.

300. DISBURSEMENT RECORD, 1900-1925. 4 vols. (6-9).
Record of all county expenditures, showing date; names of payee, department, and fund; nature, and amount of claim; order number;

and total amount disbursed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 30 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 306; for subsequent records, see entry 294.

301. APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1900-1926. 11 vol.
(1-3, and 8 vols. not numbered.)

Record of appropriations and disbursements, showing date; amount and purpose of appropriation; number of issue and redemption; and amount of warrant; name of payee; purpose of payment, and appropriation debited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 301; for subsequent records, see entry 294.

302. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1911--. 11 vols.

Record of warrants issued against appropriated county funds, showing title and number of appropriation, date, number and amount of warrant, name of payee, and nature of claim. Arr. chron. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 298.

303. WARRANTS, 1935--. 6 file boxes.

Returned paid warrants, showing title and number of appropriation, title of fund, names of payee and depository, and amount. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

304. COUNTY WARRANTS, 1919-25. 15 vols.

Stubs of auditor's warrants, showing number and date, names of payee, and fund, nature and amount of claim. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 8 x 2. Aud. bsmt. vt.

305. QUIETUS, 1854-1924. 8 vols.

Record of quietus issued upon payments of interest on loans of county funds, showing number and title of fund, amount of loan and interest, name of payer, amount paid, and auditor's signature. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 295.

306. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, 1869-1900. 5 vols. (5, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Record of receipts and expenditures, showing date, names of payer or payee, purpose of receipts and disbursements, fund debited or credited, receipt or warrant number, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

307. RECORD OF RECEIPTS, 1900-1925. 4 vols. (6-9).

Record of receipts of county revenue, showing date, name of payer, purpose, amount, and fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 30 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

308. TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF LEDGER, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of township expenditures for poor relief, showing name of township, account number, date, warrant number, amount, balance, and folio reference. Arr. chron. under townships. Hdw. and typed. 100 pp. 14 x 12 x 1.

309. POOR RELIEF MONTHLY REPORTS, 1933--. 1 file box.

Reports of expenditures for poor relief, showing amount of revenue available, expenditures, unpaid claims, reports of townships, and balance in fund. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

310. POOR RELIEF CLAIMS, 1936--. 8 file boxes.

Vendor's claims for payment of merchandise furnished for poor relief clients, showing date of purchase; order number; kind of materials; name of receiptent; amount of claim; vendor's name, and business. Arr. by warrant numbers. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

311. TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF CLAIM, 1936--. 8 file boxes.

Purchase orders for poor relief, showing names of investigator, receiptent, and vendor; case number; kind of assistance provided; amount of order; and signatures of trustee and receiptent.

Arr. numerically by warrant numbers. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

312. COUNTY AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF POOR FUND CLAIMS, 1935--.

1 vol.

Record of claims against poor relief funds, showing names of trustee and township; claim and warrant numbers; date; name and business of vendor; quantity and kind of goods furnished; kind of claim, source of funds, certification by auditor, and date of payment. Arr. alph. by townships. Hdw. and typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

313. POOR ACCOUNT REGISTER, 1897-1934. 1 vol.

Record of funds paid to townships for poor relief, showing date of payment; warrant number; names of payee and township, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

314. REGISTER OF TOWNSHIP WARRANTS, 1859-1903. 4 vols.

Record of township warrants, showing names of trustee, township, and claimant; date and number of warrant; nature of claim, and amount of allowance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1859-87, bsmt. vt.; 2 vols., 1887-1903, Aud. vt.

315. REPORT TO COUNTY AUDITOR ON TRANSFER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN,
1908. 1 file box.

Report of transfer of school children, and distribution of tuition funds, showing date, name and school record of child, names of parents and school corporations; rate of tuition, and amount for distribution. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

316. TAXES FROM OTHER COUNTIES, 1889-99. 1 file box.

Notices to treasurer of foreign counties for collection of taxes due from former residents of Lagrange County, showing date of notice, amount of tax, names of taxpayer, and signature of commissioner. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

317. STATE INSTITUTIONS, EXPENSE, 1881--. 2 file boxes.

Reports of public institutions on expenditures for maintenance and repairs, showing date, nature and amount of claim, and name of vendor or payee. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

318. INHERITANCE TAX, (Appraiser's Fees), 1914--. 1 file
box.

Certificates of fees and service costs of inheritance tax appraiser, showing title of estate, date of court order, number of state papers, and court orders, and total amount allowed. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Taxes

Appraisements

319. TRANSFER RECORD, 1843--. 48 vols. (16 sets, I-3).

Record of all lands conveyed by deed or partition, grantee, grantor,

and township; showing description and location of property, improvements, and assessed value. Indexed alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

Returns

320. SOLDIERS' EXEMPTION, 1919--. 1 file box.

Affidavits filed by soldiers claiming tax exemptions, showing name, age, address, and service record of veteran; and description, location, and valuation of property assessed for taxation. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

321. MORTGAGE AFFIDAVITS, 1933--. 49 vols.

Records of mortgage affidavits filed with claims for tax exemptions, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of property, amount of mortgage, volume and page of mortgage record, and signature of applicant. Arranged by townships, and indexed alph. thereunder by names of applicants. Hdw. 100 pp. 12 x 7 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Aud. vt.

Lists

322. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1832--. 864 vols.

Record of lands of townships, showing location, description, and valuation of land and improvements; mortgage exemption; and name of owner. Arr. by twps. and thereunder, indexed alph. Hdw. 76 pp. 18 x 12 x $\frac{1}{8}$. Aud. bsmt, vt.

323. ASSESSMENT RECORD, (Real Estate), 1836-1932. 245 vols.

1924-28, missing.

Assessor's record of real estate appraisements, showing date, name and address of owner, description and location of real estate and improvements, appraised valuation, and assessor's signature. Arr. by twps., and indexed alph. thereunder. Hdw. 400 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. 223 vols., 1836-1924, Aud. bsmt. vt.; 22 vols., 1928-32, Comr. rm.

324. ASSESSMENT RECORD, (Personal), 1836--. 1402 vols.

Record of assessments of personal property, showing date and number of assessment; name, address, and age of owner; valuation of personal property; and signature of owner. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. 1048 vols., 1836-1927, Aud. bsmt. vt.; 301 vols., 1928-34, Comr. rm.; 53 vols., 1935--., Aud. vt.

325. RECORD OF TAX LEVIES, 1860--. 1 vol.

Record of tax levies of all county units, showing date, name of taxing unit, and total amount of levy. Arr. chron. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 20 x 15 x 2. Aud. off.

326. TAX LEVIES, 1901--. 2 file boxes.

Township tax levies presented to auditor, showing date of ordinance, amount of levy, poll tax, and signatures of members of advisory board and trustee. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

327. SCHOOL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, 1924--. 1 file box.

Appraisal lists of school property, and other lands and improvements in cities, towns and townships of Lagrange County; showing

location and description of land and improvements; date of appraisal; appraised valuation; name of owner; and signatures of assessor and auditor. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

328. STATE ASSESSMENTS, 1889--. 2 file boxes.

Certificates from state tax commissioners concerning commissioners' decision in cases of appeals from county assessor's appraisals; showing date, description and location of real estate and improvements; personal property; reassessment, and signature of auditor. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

329. LINE FENCES, (Assessments), 1927--. 1 file box.

Report of additions to tax duplicate due to establishment of line fences; showing date, names of property owner and trustee; location and description of property; and appraised valuation. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

330. RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS, 1888-1928. 6 file boxes.

Reports of assessment of railway properties, showing date of assessment; name of railway company; valuation of property; rolling stock; trackage; right of way and connecting lines; and inventory of personal property. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Delinquent and Erroneous

331. SALE BOOK FOR TAXES, 1841--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of real estate sold to satisfy delinquent tax claims, showing date of sale, purchase price; names of purchaser and delinquent owner; number of sale certificate; and description

and location of property sold. Arr. numerically by certificate numbers. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

For tax deed records, see entry 106.

332. TAX SALE CERTIFICATE, 1871--. 2 file boxes.

Certificates of sale of property to satisfy delinquent tax claims, showing names of delinquent owner and purchaser; number of certificate; description and location of property sold; net amount of delinquency, costs, and total amount realized. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

333. CERTIFICATE OF ERRONEOUS TAXES, 1874--. 7 vols.

Duplicate receipts for taxes erroneously charged, showing receipt number; name and address of taxpayer; date; volume and page reference to tax duplicate; amount; and signature of auditor.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1874-1923, Aud. bsmt. vt.; 3 vols., 1924--., Aud. vt.

334. CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION, 1858-1926. 3 vols.

Record of real estate, redeemed after having been sold for delinquent taxes, showing date; number and amount of sale certificate; names of purchaser, owner, and auditor; description and location of real estate; amounts of purchase, penalties, and interest. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1858-1902, Aud. bsmt. vt.; 1 vol., 1902-26, Aud. vt.

335. OMITTED TAXES, 1909-19. 1 file box.

Return of omitted property assessments made to auditor by the assessor, showing date; names of owner and assessor; location and description of property, and assessed value. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

336. OMITTED TAXES, (Reports), 1909-19. 1 file box.

Reports of assessor of property omitted from tax duplicate, showing name and address of owner; date; and description, location, and valuation of property. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Plat Books

337. TRACT BOOK, 1841-46. 1 vol.

Record of lands bought from Federal Government, showing description, acreage, and location of tract; price per acre and total amount; and name and address of purchaser. Arr. chron. Hdw. 175 pp. 16 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

338. ASSESSOR'S PLAT BOOK, 1886--. 77 vols. 1925-31, missing.

Plats of the civil townships used for making assessments for taxation, showing date prepared; location and description of lands and lots; value of lands, lots, and improvements; and plat number. Arr. numerically by section numbers. Hdw. 52 pp. 18 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 66 vols., 1886-1924, Aud. bsmt. vt.; 11 vol., 1932--. Aud. off.

School Funds (See also entries 116, 213)

339. SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1889--. 4 file boxes.

Applications for school funds loans and extensions, showing date; names of applicant; township, and county; amount of loan; abstracts of title, and insurance policies. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

340. RECORD OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1912--. 1 vol.

Record of loans from school funds, showing number of loan, amount, date of mortgage, name and address of mortgagor, rate of interest, and date of interest and loan payment due. Arr. numerically by numbers of loans. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

341. INVENTORY OF LOANS, 1912--. 1 vol.

Inventory of trust and school fund loans, showing number, date, and amount of loan; amount of each fund due; dates of principal and interest; and amount of funds represented by forfeited lands. Arr. by loan numbers. ^{Hdw.} 200 pp. 28 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

342. REGISTER CONDITION AND DISTRIBUTION SCHOOL FUND, 1912--.
1 vol.

Record of conditions of common school fund, showing date, statement and date of last balance, transactions, amount held in trust, receipts and disbursements, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

343. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND INTEREST, 1872--. 3 vols.

Record of school fund interest agreement and payments, showing numbers of agreement and loan, volume and page numbers of loan record, date of mortgage, name and address of mortgagor, amount of interest due and paid; and number of treasurer's receipt. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

344. RECORD OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, CONGRESSIONAL
FUND, 1834--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements of congressional school funds, showing date of tax term, section and page number of record, amounts received, source of revenue, amount disbursed to school units, purpose of funds, and balance. Arr. alph. by names of townships. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Aud. vt.

345. APPLICATION TO PAY, 1854-1924. 13 vols.

Record of applications to pay school fund principal and interest, showing name of borrower; number of loan; amount; date of applications; and amount paid. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 14 x 1. Aud. vt.

346. APPORTIONMENTS, 1894--. 1 file box.

Report of apportionment of common school fund revenues by state superintendent of public instruction, showing enumeration of scholars, amount apportioned to school units; source of revenue, total amount; and amount appropriated to each county of the state. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 4. Aud. vt.

347. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, (Congressional School Fund),
1843-66. 1 vol.

School commissioners' register of congressional school fund receipts, showing date; receipt number; name of payer; source of receipts; and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 12 x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

348. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, (School Funds), 1889-1911.
3 vols.

Record of receipts and expenditures of school funds, showing date; names of fund, payer, and payee; amount and purpose of revenue; and nature, amount, and purpose of expenditures. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 342.

349. REGISTER OF INTEREST ON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL FUNDS,
1844-84. 2 vols.

Record of interest due on township school funds, showing date, names of fund and payer, amounts of principal and interest, and total amount paid. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 12 x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$.
1 vol., 1844-66, Aud. vt.; 1 vol., 1866-84, Aud. bsmt. vt.

350. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND RECEIPTS, 1860-72. 1 vol.

Record of interest payments on school fund loans, showing date, number of receipt, name of payer, and amount due and paid.
Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. bsmt. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 343.

351. REGISTER OF LOANS OF SCHOOL TRUST FUND, 1877-1912.

1 vol.

Record of all loans from school trust fund, showing number, date, term, amount, and interest rate of loan; name and address of borrower; location, description, and valuation of property securing loan. Indexed alpb. by names of borrowers. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 352; for subsequent records, see entry 340.

352. REGISTER OF INSTALLMENTS, (School Fund Loans), 1838-
77. 1 vol.

Schedule of payments of school fund loans, showing date, amount, term of mortgage, name of mortgager, dates and amount of installments, and date of payment. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$.
Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 351, 340.

353. SCHOOL REVENUE DISTRIBUTION BY AUDITOR, 1894--. 1

file box.

Auditor's report of distribution of school revenues to county school units, showing names of school corporation, township, and town or city; number of scholars in units; source of revenue; and amount due to each school district. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14.

Aud. vt.

Official Bonds

354. BOND RECORD, 1886--. 2 vols.

Record of bonds posted by county and township officials upon assuming duties of office; showing names of officials, sureties, and office; and amount; term; and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Aud. vt.

355. REGISTER OF BONDS, 1920--. 1 vol.

Record of bond sales, showing purpose of issue and amount; term; yield; and par value; names of bidder and purchaser; warrant number and amount; date of redemption; and amount of bonds redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 22 x 20 x 3. Aud. vt.

356. DEPUTY ASSESSORS' BONDS, 1892--. 1 file box.

Record of bonds posted by deputy assessors, showing date; names of official, sureties, and township; and amount, term, and conditions of bond. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

357. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, AND
BONDS, 1912--. 1 file box.

Original papers pertaining to election, resignation, or removal of township trustees; showing names of officials and sureties; amount, term, and conditions of bond; reason for resignation or removal; and appointment of successor. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

358. SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO AUDITOR, 1907--. 1 file box.

Reports of surveyor on various matters, including appointments of deputies, proposals for engineering and other projects, opinions of county attorney, project estimates, and amounts and success of fees collected. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

359. LAGRANGE SCHOOL BOARD, 1910--. 1 file box.

Bond papers of treasurer of board of finance of school town, showing names and addresses of official and sureties, ^{and} amount and condition of bond. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

360. SCHOOL BOARD BOND, (officials), 1868--. 1 file box.

Bids of school board officials, showing names of officials; amount, date, term, and conditions of bond; names of sureties; and date of acceptance. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

361. CONSTABLE BOND, 1867-1930. 1 file box.

Original bonds posted by constables, showing name of constable; date of appointment; term, conditions, and amount of bond; names of sureties; and date of approval. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

Miscellaneous Records

362. ASSESSOR APPOINTMENTS, BONDS, DEPUTIES, 1894--. 1
file box.

Appointments of deputies by county assessor, showing names of appointee and township, date of appointment, and approval.

Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

232. RECORD OF APPOINTMENTS, (Deputy Assessors), 1867--.
2 vols.

Record of appointments of deputies by county assessor, showing name and address of appointee, township, and dates of appointment and approval. Indexed alph. by names of appointees. Hdw.

300 pp. 15 x 12 x 13. Aud. vt.

364. ENUMERATION WHITE AND COLORED MALES, 1926-28. 1
file box.

Trustee's report of results of sexennial enumerations of white and colored voters, showing date; city, towns, or township; and total number of white and colored males. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

365. ENUMERATION OF WHITE AND COLORED MALES, 1885-1925.
13 vols.

Record of trustees' reports of results of sexennial enumerations, showing date; city, town, or township; and total number of white and colored males. Arr. alph. by twps. Hdw. 50 pp. 11 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. bsmt. vt.

366. ENUMERATION OF CHILDREN AND VOTERS, 1889-1931.
1 file box.

Enumeration oists of white and colored male inhabitants in county,

city, town, or township; showing total number of whites and colored voters. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

367. ENUMERATION OF CHILDREN, 1879-1931. 1 filo box.

Enumeration sheets filed by township trustees, showing names and ages of school children, names and addresses of parents, and date of census. Arr. alph. by names of children. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

368. RECORD OF FOREST RESERVATION, 1903--. 1 vol.

Record of lands set aside as forest reserves, showing name of owner; acreage; value, description, and location of land; and exemption. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. Aud. vt.

369. FOREST RESERVE, 1903--. 1 filo box.

Certificates of owners of forest reservations, showing name of owner; description, location, acreage of reserve; number, size, and kind of trees; number and kind of trees planted; and certifications. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

370. SALOON LICENSES, 1895-1918. 1 file box.

Tabulation sheets of votes cast in local option elections, showing total number of votes cast in election units for and against the sale of intoxicating liquors, license grants, revocations, and number of saloons closed. Arr. chron. 5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

371. RETAILER'S BOND RECORD, 1889-1910. 1 vol.

Record of retail merchants' bonds, showing name and address of merchant, location of business, amount and conditions of bond, and names of sureties. Indexed alph. by names of merchants. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

XVI. REGISTRATION OFFICER

By an act of 1933, the clerk of the circuit court is designated as ex-officio registration officer of the county. He has full charge and control of the registration of voters and appoints as many deputies as are necessary to do the work.

(1) The inception date of this office in Lagrange County is 1934.

As ex-officio registration officer, the clerk of the circuit court is required to provide all the necessary books and paraphernalia for the registering of voters. (2)

(1) Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 29-306.

(2) Acts 1933; Burns 29-309.

No records could be found.

XVII. BOARD OF PRIMARY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The board of primary election commissioners was provided for by an act of 1915. It consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated in writing by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. It is the duty of the board to prepare and distribute the primary ballots and generally supervise the primary elections. (1) The canvass of the primary votes is done by the county board of canvassers. (2) The inception date of this office in Leflore County is 1916.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1915, 1917; Burns
29-504.

(2) Acts 1915; Burns
29-560.

372. PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS, 1926--. 6 file boxes. Primary and general elections. Contains: Candidate's Statement of Expense, entry 373; Applications for Reinstatement of Registration, entry 383; Election Inspector, entry 384; Applications for Supplies, entry 379. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Clk. vt.

373. CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF EXPENSE, 1926--. In Primary and General Elections, entry 372.

Candidate's itemized statement of expense, showing date filed; names of candidate, office, and political party; and total expense.

374. RECORD OF ELECTIONS, 1882--. 2 vols.

Records of primary and general elections and election returns.

Contains: Primary Election Record, entry 375; Election Returns, entry 380; General Election Record, entry 381. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

375. PRIMARY ELECTION RECORD, 1916--. In Record of Elections, entry 374.

Record of primary elections, showing date of election, precinct number, total votes cast by precinct and township, and total for election.

376. ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS, 1922-26. 1 file box. Appointments of primary and general election inspectors. Contains: Primary Election Inspector Appointments, entry 377; General Election Inspector Appointments, entry 382. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. off.

377. PRIMARY ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS, 1922-26. In Election Inspector Appointments, entry 376.

Appointments of primary election inspectors, showing date of appointment, name and qualifications of inspector, location of voting place, and precinct number.

378. CANDIDATES' DECLARATION, 1926-27. 1 file box. Candidates' declaration of candidacy filed with clerk of circuit court, showing date; names of candidate, office, and political party; and residence. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Clk. vt.

379. APPLICATION FOR SUPPLIES, 1926--. In Primary and General Election, entry 372.

Applications for supplies, showing date, name of applicant, and kind and quantity of supplies.

XVIII. BOARD OF CANVASSERS

By an act of 1905, the legislature constituted the board of election commissioners, a board of canvassers. (1) The board elects its own chairman and the clerk of the circuit court acts as clerk of the board. (2)

The board is required to assemble at six o'clock, p.m., on election days to canvass and estimate the certificates, poll lists, and tally papers returned by the election inspectors; (3) to tabulate therefrom the votes of the county, filing the tally papers, poll books, and canvass sheets in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, open to inspection by any legal voter; (4) and to declare in a certified statement the candidates elected, (5) and deliver to them a certification of election.

The inception date of this board in Lagrange County is 1906.

The records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1905, 1927; Burns
29-1401.

(2) Acts 1905; Burns
29-1402.

(3) Acts 1905, 1927; Burns
29-1401.

(4) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404.

(5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1405.

380. ELECTION RETURNS, 1906--. In Record of Elections,
entry 374.

Record of election returns, showing date of election, precinct numbers, number of votes cast by precinct and township, and total for election.

XIX. BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

By legislative enactment in 1889, the board of election commissioners was created. It consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. The board is appointed annually. It prepares and distributes ballots for the election of county officers. (1)
The inception date of this office in LaGrange County is 1890.

The board's duties are: To print ballots; to receive petitions to place candidates' names on the ballots; and to receive certificates of nominations by convention or primary election. (2)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002.

(2) Acts 1889, 1933; Burns
29-1003.

381. GENERAL ELECTION RECORDS, 1882--. In Records of
Elections, entry 374.

Record of general elections, showing date of election, precinct number,, total votes cast by precinct and township, and total for election.

382. GENERAL ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS, 1922-26.

In Election Inspector Appointments, entry 376.

Appointments of general election inspectors, showing date of appointment, name and qualifications of inspector, location of voting place, and precinct number..

383. (APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF REGISTRATION), 1926--.

In Primary and General Elections, entry 372.

Applications for reinstatement of registration, showing date, name and address of applicant, and number of precinct.

384. (ELECTION INSPECTOR), 1926--. In Primary and General Election, entry 372.

Affidavits of election inspectors, showing date, names of precinct and township, number of votes for party by precinct, total votes, and expense by precincts.

XX. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The educational system of Indiana, in its beginning, was under local administration of township and district officials and so continued more than half a century.

The county-wide supervision of the schools began in 1873, when an act of the legislature created the board of education, comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and the school trustees of each city and town of the county. (1)

By an act of 1877, the membership of the board was changed to consist of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town. (2)

The board meets semiannually on the first day of May and September. Its duties are to take care of the general needs of the schools, maintenance of school property, and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies. (3) It also may appoint a county attendance officer upon nomination of the county superintendent, (4) and may purchase text-books from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost. (5)

The records are located in the office of the superintendent of schools in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1873, ch. 25,
sec. 8.

(2) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns
28-801.

(3) Ibid.

(4) Acts 1921, 1932 (Sp. Sess.);
Burns 28-501.

(5) Acts 1921; Burns 28-614.

385. ATTENDANCE OFFICER, 1894--. 1 file box.

Appointment of attendance officers, showing date, name of officer, length of term, qualifications, and amount of salary. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

386-87 OFFICIAL RECORD, (Minutes of Board of Education Meetings), 1881--. 1 vol; 1 file box.

Minutes of meetings of board of education, showing date, names of members present, nature of business transacted, and disposition.

Arr. chron. 1881-1900, ndw.; 1901--, typed. Vol., 200 pp.

14 x 9 x 1; file box, 34 x 20 x 12. Supt. off.

XXI. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1865 the legislature provided for a school examiner to be appointed by the county commissioners for a term of three years. (1)

This act was amended in 1873, and the school examiner's title was changed to county superintendent of schools. He was appointed by the township trustees to serve for a term of two years. (2)

In 1899 the legislature extended the term of office of the superintendent of schools to four years, and also provided that he be elected by the township trustees. The act required that he post bond with the auditor to insure faithful performance of his duties as proscribed by law. (3) The inception date of this office in Lagrange County is 1865.

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools outside of incorporated cities and towns of Lagrange county. He visits each township institute once each school year and conducts teachers' county institutes. He carries out the orders of the state board of education and the state superintendent of public instruction. (4) He is required to make a report as to teachers' preparation, experience, and license before being hired by the school trustees. (5) He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration of pupils. (6) He receives statements for school aid relief from school and township trustees. (7) He is ex-officio member and president of the board of education. (8)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1865, ch. 1, sec. 33. | (5) Acts 1927, 1933; Burns |
| (2) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2. | 28-4309. |
| (3) Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; | (6) Acts 1865; Burns 28-715. |
| Burns 28-702. | (7) Acts 1933; Burns 28-903. |
| (4) Acts 1899; Burns 28-704. | (8) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801. |

Activities and Reports

388. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD, 1879-1900. 1 vol.

Superintendent's record of schools in county, showing district number, name or number of school, number of pupils enrolled, names of teachers and subjects taught, and date reported. Indexed alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 10 x 1½. Supt. off.

389. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT, 1918--. 18 vols.

Record of financial and statistical reports from township trustees, showing date, names of trustee and township, statement of indebtedness, receipts and expenditures, condition of funds, and total cash balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 25 pp. 12 x 10 x 1½. Supt. off.

390. REQUISITION FOR TEXT BOOKS, 1889-96. 1 vol.

Record of requisitions for text books, showing date; name and address of firm; kind and number of books ordered, received, sold; and balance on hand; and total receipts. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Supt. off.

391. RECORD OF REPORTS TO SCHOOL BOOK COMPANY, 1896-1911.

3 vols.

Record of superintendent's annual reports to publishers, showing

names of publishers and school; quantity, kind, and price of books; amount received from each school; and total receipts.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Supt. off..

Enumerations

392. ENUMERATION RECORD, 1896-1931. 32 vols.

Record of pupils attending grade school, showing date; names of pupil, school, and township; district number; age, sex, color, and grade of pupil; and total number of pupils. Arr. alph. by names of townships. Hdw. 100 pp. 10 x 8 x 1. Supt. off.

For prior records, see entry 400.

Teachers

393. LICENSES, 1900--. 1 file box.

Teacher's licenses, showing name and address of teacher, source and extent of education and training, major subject, number of credits, number of license, and date of expiration. Arr. alph. by names of schools, thereunder by names of teachers. 20 x 8 x 6. Supt. off.

394. INDIANA SUCCESS SCHEDULE, 1930--. 1 file box.

Teachers' success schedules, showing date; name, address, personality, success grade, preparation, teaching technique, achievement, cooperation, professional attitude, and reading material of teacher; and subjects of school year. Indexed alph. by names of teachers and schools. 34 x 20 x 12. Supt. off.

395. SCHOOL EXAMINERS' RECORD, 1865-1909. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of teachers' examinations, showing dates of examination and license; name, age, sex, color, and grade rating of teacher; and term of license. Indexed alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 360 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Supt. off.

396. RECORD OF TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, 1883--. 1 vol.

Record of institute proceedings, showing date of convention; names of teacher, official, and school; program; number of sessions attended; and total number of sessions. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 3/4. Supt. off.

Pupils**397. INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL RECORD, 1930--. 1 file box.**

Reports of high school students, showing date; names of school and subjects taken; name, age, sex, color, achievements, number of credits, employment, intelligence test, character, physical condition, and home condition record of student; and cause of withdrawal. Indexed alph. by names of schools, and thereunder by names of students. 34 x 20 x 12. Supt. off.

398. INDIANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECORD, 1930--. 1 file box.

Reports of grade students, showing date; names of teacher and school; name, birthdate, sex, color, attendance, achievement, intelligence test grade, citizenship, character, physical condition, scholarship, and home condition record of student; and cause of withdrawal. Indexed alph. by names of schools, and thereunder by names of pupils. 34 x 20 x 12. Supt. off.

399. ATTENDANCE, 1900-~~1923~~. 1 file box.

Attendance reports for grade and high school pupils, showing date; name of pupil; and number of days present, absent, and tardy. Indexed alph. by names of schools, and thereunder by names of students. Condition fair. 18 x 14 x 9. Supt. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 388.

400. RECORD OF OFFICIAL REPORTS, 1884-96. 4 vols.

Record of grade school attendance, showing date; names of teacher, school, and township; district number; and name, age, sex, color, and grade of pupil. Arr. alph. by names of townships. Hdw. 150 pp. 14 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 392.

401. PUPILS' GRADE RECORD, 1897-1929. 1 file box.

Individual record of grade and high school students, showing date; name, age, sex, and color of pupil; number of subjects studied; grade rating; and name of school. Indexed alph. by names of schools, and thereunder by names of students. Condition fair. 34 x 20 x 12. Supt. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 397.

402. RECORD OF COMMON SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1900-1923. 1 vol.

Record of ~~eight~~ grade graduates, showing date, names of teacher and pupil; and address, age, sex, and color of student. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 9 x 1. Supt. off.

403. SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 1865-1908. 2 vols.

Record of pupils' examinations, showing date; names of pupil, teacher, and school; subjects covered; and grade rating. Indexed alph. by names of pupils. Hdw. 360 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

404. RECORD OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1900-1914. 1 vol.

Record of high school graduates, showing date; name, address, age, color, and sex of student; names of parents or guardian; number of subjects carried, and credits attained; and dates of admission and graduation. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp.

16 x 9 x 1. Supt. off.

405. WORK CERTIFICATES, 1936--. 1 file box.

Certificates of pupils forced by financial or other conditions to leave school and obtain work, showing date; name, address, age, sex, and color of student; grade achieved; credits acquired; and names of parents or guardian, and school. Indexed alph. by names of schools, and thereunder by names of students.

20 x 8 x 6. Supt. off.

406. INDIANA EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT, 1904. 1 vol. Title

varies: Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904.

Record of students' exhibits at St. Louis, Missouri, 1904, showing date, names of student and school, nature of exhibit, and awards. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

XXII. HEALTH COMMISSIONER

By an act of 1831, the board of commissioners was constituted ex officio a county board of health and was required to elect annually a secretary who was a physician, and served as the health officer for the county. (1) The duty of this board was to keep a complete record of all births, marriages, and deaths. (2)

In 1891 the legislature enlarged the duties of the board of health, whose secretary was its executive officer. (3) The term of office of the health officer was extended to four years in 1899. (4)

The county board of health was abolished by an amendatory act of 1909. At the same time the office of health commissioner was established to enforce all health laws and keep the records of vital and sanitary statistics. The health commissioner was elected by the county commissioners to serve for a four-year term. (5)

The inception date of the records of this office in Lagrange County is 1882.

By an act of 1935, effective January 1, 1938, the title of county health commissioner was changed to county health officer, who is appointed by the county commissioners with the approval of the state board of health, to serve four years. The county health officer must be legally qualified to practice medicine, suitably trained in sanitary science, and his qualifications must be satisfactory to the state board of health. He is required to enforce

the health laws of the state and all rules of the state board of health. (6)

It is the duty of the health officer to enforce the health laws; to record and report vital statistics such as births, deaths, and marriages; to make sanitary inspection of all public and private buildings in regard to sources of disease; to establish quarantine and take all reasonable means to protect the public health; to close schools and churches; and to prohibit public assemblies to prevent epidemics. (7)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Rev. Stat. 1881, sec. 4993. | (5) Acts 1891, 1919; Burns 35-103. |
| (2) Rev. Stat. 1881, sec. 4997. | (6) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 35-118. |
| (3) Acts 1891, ch. 15, secs. 8-9. | (7) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111. |
| (4) Acts 1899, ch. 16, sec. 2. | |

Vital Statistics

407. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1882--. 10 vols.

Record of children born in county, showing name, sex, birthplace, and color of child; cause in cases of stillbirth; and names and address, birthplaces, ages, races, and occupation of parents; and number of children in family. Indexed. alph. by names of parents. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Hlth. off. off.

408. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1882--. 12 vols.

Record of marriage licenses, showing date; names, addresses, birthplaces, ages, occupations, and previous marriages of bride and groom; names, ages, birthplaces, and occupation of parents; and names of witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of bridegrooms. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Hlth. Offr. off.

For other marriage records, see entries 74-75.

409. RECORD OF BOARD OF HEALTH, 1882-95. 1 vol.

Minutes of board meetings, showing date, names of members, nature of business transacted, and actions in disposals. Arr. chron. Hdw. 360 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Hlth. Offr. off.

410. RECORD OF DISEASE, 1882--. 5 vols.

Record of contagious diseases, showing date; name, residence, age, sex, and color of patient; dates reported, quarantined and released; and names of attending physician, and person reporting case. Indexed alph. by names of patients. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Hlth. Offr. off.

411. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1882--. 8 vols.

Record of deaths, showing date; name, age, sex, color, birthplace, and marital status of deceased; disposition of remains; names of attending physician and undertaker; and names, ages, birthplaces, and occupation of parents. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Hlth. Offr. off.

County Nurse Reports

412. SCHOOL HEALTH RECORD, 1921--. 5 file boxes.

Health charts of students, showing date; name, residence, age, birthplace, sex, color, grade, height, weight, and condition of throat, skin, and teeth of student; and name of school. Arr. by schools, and thereunder alph. by names of pupils. 14 x 8 x 6. Nurse's off.

413. TUBERCULOSIS, RECORD OF VISITS, 1925--. 1 file box.

Nurses' reports of visits of tubercular patients, showing date; name, address, personal description, and details of condition of patient; medical service rendered; contacts; instruction; and summary. Indexed alph. by names of patients. 24 x 14 x 12. Nurse's off.

414. TUBERCULOSIS RECORD, 1925--. 1 file box.

Reports of tubercular patients, showing date; name, address, age, sex, color, place of birth, and occupation of patient; history of illness and exposure; and names of parents. Indexed alph. by names of patients. 24 x 14 x 12. County nurse's off.

415. EXAMINATION AND CLINIC CARD, 1925--. 1 file box.

Nurses' reports of patients examined, showing date; name, address, and present illness and exposure; and name of attending physician. Indexed alph. by names of patients. 24 x 14 x 12. Nurse's off.

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XXIII. BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The department of public welfare of Lagrange County, created by the legislature in 1936, is administered by a board of public welfare. The department may sue and be sued in its own name. (1)

The board of public welfare consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare, who must be residents of the county for two years. Its members are appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three may be adherents of any one political party. The first appointees serve: One for one year, two for two years, and two for four years; and thereafter the term is four years. The board holds a regular meeting once a month, the August meeting to be known as the annual meeting, and it may hold other meetings pursuant to call. (2) Its duties are to elect the director of public welfare who serves as secretary of the board and the executive and administrative officer of the department, (3) to receive and administer gifts and bequests of personal property and of income from real estate for the benefit of children under its supervision or of any home or institution caring for neglected or dependent children under its supervision, to invest any funds so received by it, such investments being kept in a special fund and not commingled with funds received from taxation; (4) and to adopt an annual budget for the department for consideration by the county council. (5)

The director of public welfare must give bond not to exceed five thousand dollars, to be approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed in the office of clerk. (6) He appoints with the approval of the board, all assistants in the department from eligible lists established by the state department, and fixes their salary. (7) As executive officer of the department, he exercises all the rights, powers, and duties conferred by law on the department under the rules, regulations, and orders of the state and county boards, (8) and compiles an annual budget for submission to the board. (9) The director of public welfare and his assistants perform the function of probation officer or agent of the court in welfare matters under the supervision of any court having jurisdiction therein as the court may direct. (10)

The department of public welfare is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and such other welfare activities as are delegated to it by the state department including services connected with assistance to the blind. The department makes reports to the state department as directed by the latter. (11) The department also administers provisions and benefits of the Federal "Social Security Act" of August 14, 1935, as authorized thereby. (12).

'The board of childrens' guardians and the board of county charities and corrections were abolished by an amendment of 1937, and all their rights, powers, and duties were transferred to the department of public welfare. (13)

The department is maintained by the county welfare fund raised by a separate tax levy, (14) to which is added such payments as may be made under legal compulsion by recipients, their parents, children, or other persons liable for their support. (15) The county receives reimbursement of certain proportions of its expenditures from the state, (16) and a part of any Federal funds received by the state. (17)

The auditor keeps the records relating to the county welfare fund and their other financial transactions. (18) The department keeps such records and accounts relating to assistance as the state department describes. (19) All records, except applications for assistance, awards, and modification and revocation of awards, are confidential. (20)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.);
Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1117,
52-1122. | (12) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.);
Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1113. |
| (2) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937;
Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1118. | (13) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.),
1937; Burns, 1937 suppl.,
52-1121. |
| (3) Ibid., 52-1119. | (14) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.);
Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1301. |
| (4) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.);
Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1122. | (15) Ibid., 52-1263. |
| (5) Ibid., 52-1302. | (16) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937;
Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1124-A. |
| (6) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937;
Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1110. | (17) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns,
1937 suppl., 52-1219,
52-1249, 52-1254. |
| (7) Ibid., 52-1123. | (18) Ibid., 52-1401. |
| (8) Ibid., 52-1126. | (19) Ibid., 52-1260. |
| (9) Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns
1937 suppl., 52-1302. | (20) Ibid., 52-1262. |
| (10) Ibid., 52-1120. | |
| (11) Ibid. | |

416. WELFARE BOARD, 1936--. 1 file box.

Welfare board papers. Contains: Old Age Pension Awards, entry 417;

Welfare Board Members Appointments, entry 418. Arr. chron.

5 x 12 x 14. Aud. vt.

For other old age pension records, see entry 63.

417. OLD AGE PENSION AWARDS, 1936--. In Welfare Board,

entry 416.

Certificates of old age pension awards, showing name and address of pensioner, date of award, amount granted, total awarded, date and reason for discontinuance if any, and signatures of auditor and clerk of circuit court.

418. WELFARE BOARD MEMBERS, APPOINTMENTS, 1936--. In Welfare

Board, entry 416.

Certificates of appointments of members of Welfare board, showing name and address of appointee, oath of office, date, and approval of judge of circuit court.

419. REGISTER OF WELFARE WARRANTS, 1937--. 1 vol.

Record of warrants drawn under provisions of welfare act, showing date, numbers of appropriation and account, name of payee, amounts chargeable to county and special funds, total amount, and ledger volume and page number. Arr. chron. Typed. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

420. APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND, 1936. 1 file

box.

Application of assistance to blind persons, showing date; case number;

name, address, age, sex, color, and birthplace of applicant; investigator's and physician's reports; and aid provided. Arr. alphabetically by case numbers. 24 x 18 x 12. Wfr. off.

421. RECOMMENDATIONS SHEETS, 1936. 1 vol.

Recommendations to board of welfare for poor relief, showing date; recommendation, application, code, and case numbers; action of board; date of notice; and disposition of case. Arr. alphabetically by application numbers. Typed. 100 pp. 18 x 15 x 1. Wfr. off.

422. INDEX TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, BLIND, AND OLD AGE, 1936.

1 file box.

Card index to records of dependent children and the aged, showing date, name, and address of client; and code, serial, and application numbers. Indexed alph. by names of clients. 24 x 18 x 12. Wfr. off.

423. ASSISTANCE TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936. 1 file box.

Files of assistance given to dependent children, showing date; application number; name, address, age, sex, color, birthplace, and family history of child; investigator's report; certificates of award and withdrawal; and amount. Arr. alphabetically by case numbers. 24 x 18 x 12. Wfr. off.

424. OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, 1936--. 1 file box.

Applications for relief of aged persons, showing date and number of application; name, address, age, sex, color, and birthplace of applicant; investigator's report; and action of board. Arr. alphabetically by case numbers. 24 x 18 x 12. Wfr. off.

425. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN AGED PERSONS, (Inactive Cases),

1936. 1 vol.

Record of inactive cases of old age assistance, showing date; application number; names and addresses of applicant and guardian; monthly allowance; dates effective, rejected, canceled, or withdrawn; reason; funeral expense; claim number; total assistance; payments recovered; total paid into welfare fund; allowance; and number and amount of warrant. Arr. chron. Typed. 500 pp. 14 x 10 x 5. Wfr. off.

426. REGISTER OF CLAIMS, 1936. 1 vol.

Register of relief claims filed and approved, showing date; code, claim, and warrant numbers; name of claimant; amount; appropriation; account chargeable; nature of claim; and total. Arr. chron. Hdw. 20 pp. 15 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Wfr. off.

427. CLAIM REGISTER, 1936. 1 vol.

Record of certification to state board of public welfare of assistance claims paid, showing date, code and claim numbers, name of claimant, amount and nature of claim, and allowance. Arr. by claim numbers. Typed. 20 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. Wfr. off.

428. (NOTICE TO TRUSTEE), 1936. 1 file box.

Notices to township trustees of assistance granted, showing date, case number, names and addresses of recipient and trustee, type of assistance, amount, and date of payment. Arr. by case numbers. 24 x 18 x 12. Wfr. off.

429. REPORT OF ALLOWANCES AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of monthly allowances and disbursements, showing date, claim and account numbers, nature of account, amounts of claim, allowances, and disbursements, and total. Arr. numerically. Typed. 12 pp.
18 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Wfr. off.

430. ACTIVE PAYROLL, 1936. 1 vol.

Record of assistance for dependent, showing date, application and warrant numbers, amount of monthly assistance, awards, revocations, cancellations, and date of payment. Arr. by warrant numbers. Typed. 14 x 10 x 5. Wfr. off.

XXIV. SURVEYOR

The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the surveyor was a statutory officer, being appointed by the Governor by an act of 1818 (3) and by the board of commissioners by an act of 1831. (4) The inception date of this office in Lagrange County is 1832, the organization date of this county.

The surveyor has charge, under direction of the board of commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the preparation of plans and specifications for, and supervision of, the construction of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, ditches, drains, and levees. (5) He also has charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, (6) unless the county commissioners employ a highway supervisor. The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (7)

For private parties, he takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate, (8) and, upon request, establishes lines and corners of lands. (9)

All the records are located in the surveyor's office in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2;
1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-3301. | (6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101,
36-1102. |
| (2) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3302. | (7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |
| (3) Acts 1817-18, ch. 30, sec. 1. | (8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts
1857; Burns 49-3317. |
| (4) Acts 1831, ch. 102, sec. 1. | (9) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts
1875; Burns 49-3111. |
| (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts
1911; Burns 49-3309. | |

Surveys and Reports

431. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1836-1929. 4 vols. (A-D):

Record of surveys, showing date of field notes, sections, townships, ranges, and names of surveyor and property owner. Arr. chron.

Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Sur. off. safe.

432. FIELD NOTES, 1899--. 25 vols.

Record of field notes, showing date, layout of lands, corners, boundaries, and road grades. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 7 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$.
Sur. off.

433. DITCH RECORD, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of allotments for cleaning and repairing ditches, showing date; names of owner, township, and ditch; description of land, and distance from stake to stake. Indexed alpn. by names of ditches.
Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Sur. off.

434. DITCH ASSESSMENT RECORD, 1886-1919. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of assessments for ditch construction and repairs, showing date; name of property owner; location and description; and amounts of benefits, installment, and total. Indexed alpn. by names of property owners. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Sur. off.

435. COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT OF DRAINAGE, 1832-1915. 1 vol.

Account record of assessments, collections, and disbursements for construction of drainage ditches, showing date, name of payer or payee, location of ditch, number of receipt or voucher, amount of receipts or disbursement, and total amount of fees. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Sur. off.

Fee and Cash Books

436. SURVEYOR'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1883--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of fees for surveyor's services, showing date, name of payer, receipt number, amount, total collected, and source. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Sur. off.

Maps

437. DITCH MAPS, PROFILES, 1865--. 110 maps.

Political maps, plans, and specifications for ditches and culverts, showing date, name of township, and kind and location of ditch or culvert. Drawn by county surveyors. Printed and blueprint. Scale: 1" to 100". 32 x 23. Sur. off.

XXIV. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

The administrative system of building and maintaining county highways has undergone several changes, since this improvement has become an increasingly important part of civic life.

In 1879 the legislature constituted the board of commissioners a board of turnpike directors for the management and control of county highways. (1)

By an act of 1913, this board was abolished, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways, who was appointed by the county commissioners. (2)

This office was abolished by the legislature in 1933 (3) and the duties of the superintendent of highways were transferred to the surveyor; (4) unless the board of commissioners should appoint a highway supervisor to perform the duties heretofore performed by the superintendent of highways. The highway supervisor serves at the will of the commissioners. The board of commissioners may appoint the duly elected surveyor or a person other than the surveyor to be highway supervisor. (5)

The board of commissioners of Lagrange County has appointed and extra officer to serve as highway supervisor.

The highway supervisor has general charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, bridges, and culverts; has police power in the control of the highways of the county; and may fix the limit of loads for any highway, bridge, or culvert. (6) He investigates and determines the method of maintenance best adapted to

the various highways of the county under his supervision, establishes standards for the maintenance of highways, bridges, and culverts, and makes an annual budget estimate of the cost of repair and maintenance of highways, bridges, and culverts, which must be filed in the auditor's office for the use of the board of commissioners. (7) He is required to meet with the board of commissioners and confer with them on matters pertaining to his duties (8) and also must attend all sessions of the annual road school at Purdue University. (9)

All records are located in the highway supervisor's office in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1879, ch. 115,
sec. 1. | (6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101,
36-1102, 36-1110. |
| (2) Acts 1913, ch. 330,
sec. 1. | (7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1103,
36-1110. |
| (3) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113. | (8) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1104,
36-1110. |
| (4) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101. | (9) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |
| (5) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. | |

438. COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT, 1933--. 2 vols.

Record of expenditures, showing date, receipt number, kind, and amount of supplies and repairs, cash, and total expenditures. Arr. chron.

Hdw. 450 pp. 12 x 10 x 4.

439. CLAIMS, 1933--. 1 file box.

Claims filed with commissioners for department expense, showing date, names of claimant and vendor, amount allowed, nature of service, and date of payments. Arr. chron. 32 x 12 x 12.

440. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1933--. 1 vol.

Record of allotments for construction of roads, showing date, receipt or warrant number, name of claimant, amount, fund debited, and overdraft, or balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 10 x 4.

441. HIGHWAY EXPENSE, 1933--. 1 vol.

Record of monthly expense for highway maintenance, showing date, amount and purpose of expenditures, fund debited, and balance or overdrafts. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 15 x 12 x 3.

442. COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REQUISITIONS, 1933--. 1 file box.

Requisitions for highway maintenance material, showing date, requisition number, name of firm or contractor, kind and quantity of material, and date for delivery. Arr. chron. 32 x 12 x 12.

443. COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER, 1933--. 1 file box.

Emergency purchase orders for supplies, showing date, order number, name and address of firm or contractor, quantity, unit price, and total amount of order. Arr. chron. 32 x 12 x 12.

444. DELIVERY ORDER COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR, 1933--. 1 file box.

Delivery orders for supplies, showing date, name and address of firm or contractor, quantity, unit price, description, and total amount. Arr. chron. 32 x 12 x 12.

445. TIME CARD, 1933--. 1 bundle.

Time cards for drivers of gravel trucks, showing date, names of pit owner, and driver, number of trucks, and loads, and total.

Arr. chron. 5 x 5 x 4.

XCVI. INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The board of Lagrange County commissioners appoints a county inspector of weights and measures, subject to the approval of the state commissioner of weights and measures.

In counties of 30,000 or more population, the county commissioners shall, and in counties of less than 30,000, may appoint an inspector of weights and measures. However it shall not be obligatory for the county commissioners to appoint an inspector in such counties where there is a city of first, second, or third class that already has an inspector.

At least once each year or as often as he deems necessary the inspector shall see that weights and measures and all apparatus used in the county are correct; shall make an annual report to the state commissioner not later than October 15; shall place on correct weights and measures, the stamps of "Ind.S."; shall place on incorrect weights and measures, the stamp, "condemned until repaired;" shall confiscate false or fraudulent devices; and shall make arrests if the law is violated without warrant,

— All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1925; Burns, Stat. 69-104.

446. APPLICATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, 1914--. 1 file box.

Applications for appointment of sealer of weights and measures,

showing date, name, age, qualifications; and address of applicant.

Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

447. COUNTY SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BOND, 1914--.

1 file box.

Surety bonds for sealers of weights and measures, showing date, names of sealer and bondsman, ^{and} amount, and condition of bond. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

448. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, 1914--. 1 file box.

Contracts and agreements between the commissioners and inspector of weights and measures, and county client, showing date, name and address of sealer, nature of agreement, and term. Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

449. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, REPORTS, 1914--. 1

file box.

Reports of tests and reweights, showing date of test, type of scales in measure, result attained, action taken, and disposition.

Arr. chron. 14 x 12 x 5. Aud. vt.

XXVII. AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The office of the agricultural agent was created by the legislature in 1913. This act provided for appointment of a county (agricultural) agent upon petition to the county board of education by the residents of the county. The appointment was made annually--reappointment might be for a term of two years--by Purdue University, subject to the approval of both the state and the county board of education, and the agent's salary was paid in part by the state. (1) The inception date of this office in LaGrange County is 1913.

By legislative enactment in 1937 the office of agricultural agent was created for every Indiana county. The agricultural agent is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of a state board, entitled county agricultural agent board. The qualifications of the agricultural agent are prescribed by the board.

The county council is required to appropriate not less than one thousand dollars annually to be used in paying office help, expenses of the agent, mileage, rent, or other incidentals. The salary of the agricultural agent is paid by the state through Purdue University. (3)

The duties of the agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, are: To cooperate with farmers' institutes, farmers' clubs, and other rural and civic organizations; to conduct practical farm demonstrations, boys' and girls' clubs and contest

work, and other movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life; to give advice to farmers on practical farm problems; and to aid the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in giving practical education in agricultural and domestic science. (4)

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| (1) Acts 1913, 1923, 1927; Burns | (3) Ibid. |
| 28-4911. | (4) Ibid. |
| (2) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 | |
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